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OUTLINES.

Prohibition went into effect Georgia with an attempt to have the law declared unconstitutional, the license money being needed for educational purposes. In Alabama rents are going down, whiskey and wines sold at less than half price last night and cart loads were stored in private residences——Another mine explosion occurred yesterday near Santa Fe, N. M., and thirty men are entombed; nine bodies have already been recovered——New Yorkers spent a quarter of a million dollars in ushering in the New Year and the celebration was the noisiest the city has ever known——The Comptroller of the Currency issued a statement regarding the conditions of the banks and finances of the country——Thomas M. Norwood of Georgia discusses the race question and advocates hanging for the man who marries a negro——The government report for the past month shows an increase in expenditures and a decrease in receipts——The Cosmopolitan Shipping Co., asks the Inter-State Commerce Commission to dismiss the demurrer in the complaint against the Baltic pool——Rev. Jere K. Cooke, who disappeared in San Francisco when his identity became known, has been located again; he says he intends to marry Miss Whally and will return East as soon as he gets enough money to travel with——In the Caleb Powers trial at Georgetown, Ky., lawyer for the defense talked for three hours and created a demonstration——The identification made by Mrs. Hattie Hull of the body of the girl murdered at Harrison, N. J., has been proven a fake, as Mrs. Young is alive and well. Yesterday Mrs. Hull made another "identification" and a magistrate ordered her escorted out of the State——R. Dun & Co.s' Annual Review of de will be issued today and will e that the past year has been a l one for the farmers, that with 'age crops in nearly all lines, pric particularly of wheat, have been sually high——New York markets ey on call, firm at 8 to 18 per ., ruling rate 15, closing bid 12, ed at 15; spot cotton closed quiet lling uplands, 11.80, middling gulf 5, sales 6,600 bales; rosin quiet; entine easy at 43 1-2; flour barely dy; spot wheat firm; corn, spot ; oats, spot steady.

happy New Year to you all and t forget the figure eight.

The way to win is to organize, plan and work and this is the very day of all others in which to commence.

Now that Prohibition has gone into effect in several States we suppose the price of watered stock will advance.

You can tell the people you are at "high water mark" this morning, but it will be your general behavior that will count most.

Roosevelt put the canebrake bear into a long magazine article and we may soon expect to read a classic on the Pine Knot 'possum.

Put a constitutional prohibition against even a second term for the President and you will have less politics in the White House.

The fact that over one billion dollars is in hoarding and hiding in this country shows that some people look upon bank management with suspicion.

We had been wishing that we should hear the last of the Brownsville affair before the next trial of Thaw commences, but it seems that it is not to be.

In several places it will be real easy to "swear off" this morning. The Prohibition law will help some, but if a fellow gets real thirsty, of course, he'll go and hunt up a blind tiger.

In Cincinnati last year twenty-six hundred wives were abandoned. Most people will conclude that there were some mighty shabby men out that way, but possibly some of the wives were a little too gay for them.

A New Jersey Judge has ruled that the "Nethersole kiss" is to warm and can not be used for advertising purposes on billboards of his city. But the gay and festive New Jersey mosquito will probably continue its osculations.

For forty years the Republican party has been bartering away legislation and immunity in return for campaign contributions and the people have in the end been obliged to foot the bills. It certainly would be cheaper to have campaign expenses paid by a direct appropriation.

That is a rich one that comes from Littleton, N. C. This is one of the Prohibition towns of the State and they now have the chief of police of the town under arrest, charged with running a blind tiger. He was caught by government officials and it is said that he was caught "with the goods."

EWS FROM RALEIGH

Governor Glenn Hears Petition For Commutation of Death Sentence of Frazier Jones.

REWARDS FOR CRIMINALS

Five New Corporations Chartered—National Guard Commission—Wake Forest Endowment. Railway Hearing.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—A hearing was given today in the executive office by Governor Glenn in the matter of granting a commutation of death sentence in the case of Frazier Jones, colored, under sentence to be hanged in Greensboro January 18th, for the murder of his wife. It is being urged by Thos. S. Bellas, attorney for the negro, that there were extenuating circumstances that would warrant a commutation, if not an absolute pardon. He has filed a largely signed petition. There is a counter-petition opposing interference on the part of the Governor in the execution of the sentence. The Governor took the case under advisement

Two rewards of fifty dollars each were offered today by Governor Glenn for the arrest of Major Barnhill, colored, wanted in Pitt county for the murder of Ezele Chance, and for Joe Williams, wanted in Harnett county for the larceny of a pair of mules valued at $450.

Charters for five new corporations were granted today as follows: The Elks Home Co., Asheville, capital $50,000 authorized and $2,500 subscribed by F. W. Thomas, exalted ruler, F. A. Sumners, P. E. Page, F. R. Hewitt and others of Elks Lodge No. 108, Asheville, the purpose being the erection of a home for the lodge. The Furniture Distributing Co., of Greensboro, capital $100 000 by M. L. Bloomburg, David Stern, Will Mitchell and others. The Carolina Loan & Trust Co., capital $100,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by Geo. T. Penny, of High Point; Thos. R. Wrenn, of Marion, and others. The Southern Liquor Supply Co., of Washington, N. C., capital $50,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed, by Thos. N. Pierce and others for a general liquor business. The Vass Mecantile Co., Vass, N. C., capital $25,000 authorized and $1,500 subscribed, by J. H. Ferguson and others.

An order was made today in the office of the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard assigning Dr. Chas. Jordan, of Asheville, as chief surgeon and Major C. D. Harris, of Raleigh, as chief of commissary of the First Brigade, North Carolina National Guard.

There is general rejoicing here that Prof. J. B. Carlyle has completed his work of raising $112,500 for the Wake Forest College endowment fund to secure $37,000 additional from the general Educational Board. 1,578 persons subscribed.

The hearing by Master Montgomery in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line set for Wilmington on January 9th was today continued indefinitely. The Southern Railway hearing here has also been indefinitely postponed. All this is confirmatory of the belief that a special session of the legislature is almost certain to be held.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The hearing of the complaint of the Atlantic Coast Line in the railway rate litigation set to begin January 8th, in Wilmington before Master Montgomery, has by agreement of opposition counsel today been indefinitely postponed. This, in connection with the refusal hitherto of the Atlantic Coast Line to accept the compromise rates suggested by Governor Glenn, which which were accepted by the Southern, the Seaboard, the Norfolk & Southern and other roads in the State, is regarded here as an indication that the Coast Line is now considering them, and a special session of the Legislature to make a new rate law seems a certainty, to be called in January.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Peterson & Rulfs—New Year.
M. S. Willard—Dividend Notice.
James M. Hall—Dyspepsia Cure.
Chas. C. Loughlin—Partition Sale.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—New Year's.
Platt & Co.—Three Maxwell Runabouts.
Pearsall & Co.—Copartnership Formed.
Willard & Giles Company—Change of Firm Name.

Business Locals.

A. H. Yopp—Bicycle Stolen.
Lost—Gold Shirt Waist Pin.
W. M. Cumming—House For Rent.
Mechanics' Home Association—New Series.
Press Correspondence Bureau—Representatives Wanted.

Visit Lumina
today. Cars every half hour from 2 to 6. **

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

Will be in Handsome New Quarters After the Holiday—Increase in Capital Stock From $30,000 to $65,000.

All the books, papers and other effects of the People's Savings Bank, which recently absorbed the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, were removed last night from The Orton building and after January the first, the consolidated banks will be at home to their friends and patrons in the handsome banking building, recently vacated by the Atlantic National, at northwest corner of Front and Princess streets.

Simultaneous with the announcement of the removal to the new quarters, is the further announcement that the capital stock of the bank will be increased from $30,000 to $65,000, so that it will not only be one of the most handsomely appointed savings bank in the State but it will be one of the largest. The building just occupied by the People's will be thoroughly remodelled and the furniture and fixtures will be among the finest in the city. A ladies' department will be added where nothing but new, crisp bank notes will be paid out upon check and where very convenience will be afforded the gentler sex for transacting business with the institution. Another special feature of the bank in its new quarters will be a safety deposit service that will be second to none in the South. Private booths will be installed in this department so that business may be transacted in this department with the utmost privacy.

The vault of the bank will be one of the largest and finest in the State and will have few equals in the South. Mr. J. Holmes Davis, former cashier of the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, will be with the People's as assistant cashier and his many friends will be pleased to see him at the new and enlarged institution. While the bank will be closed today for the holiday, it will be open at the usual hour tomorrow morning and all friends and patrons of the bank are invited to call and inspect the new quarters.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION

Delightful Affair Tonight at the Y. M. C. A.—Cordial Invitation.

Indications are that the annual New Year's reception or "open house" at the Y. M. C. A. this evening will be one of the most elaborate and pleasant given upon a similar occasion in Wilmington in a long time. Mrs. Luther Blue, who was in charge of the decorations, assisted by a corps of ladies, last evening completed her department of the arrangements and the Association rooms are beautiful in their floral dressing. Other committees have also been diligent in their work and those who visit the Association will be delighted with what they see and hear. Some of the best local talent in the city has been secured to contribute to the musical programme and after the exercises, dainty refreshments will be served.

The invitation to the reception is general and the young men especially are invited. All will receive a most cordial welcome.

PRESENT BIBLE AND FLAG.

Junior Order of United American Mechanics Will Honor Brigade.

According to its beautiful custom all over the world, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in this city are arranging to present a handsome bible and flag to the Boys' Brigade, which maintains in connection with its other munificent departments a very ficurishing night school. The date of the presentation will be decided upon later and several prominent speakers are expected here on this occasion. The exercises will be elaborate and of a pretty and appropriate nature. The committees in charge of the arrangements are already at work and a full programme will be announced in due time. The committees from the two lodges are as follows:

Jeff Davis Council No. 63—Messrs. W. E. Yopp, E. C. Woodbury and John E. Wood.

George Washington Council, No. 67—Messrs. H. W. Howell, George Branch and W. W. Galloway.

WILLIAMS COMEDY COMPANY.

Another Delighted Audience at Academy Last Night.

It was another delighted audience that assembled at the Academy last night and witnessed the performance of "Way Up East" by the Williams Comedy Company. The play was well given and, as Monday night, the specialties were bright and clever. Today the company will give away to "Along the Kennebec," which is offered as the Academy's New Year attraction and for matinee and night. but will again hold the boards at the local theatre Thursday evening, when another popular modern success will be presented. A new and up-to-date vaudeville programme will also then be presented.

The only matinee of the company's engagement will be given Saturday afternoon, but it will be a big one and will be made especially interesting for ladies and children.

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Every half hour from 2 to 6 P. M. Visit Lumina. **

INCREASE OF RATES

Clarendon Water Works Company Issues Red Hot Statement to Its Patrons.

COMPLAINS OF UNFAIRNESS

Based on Its Right to Corporate Existence, Company Says it Is Entitled to Fair Return on Investment.

Asserting that during the past three years a relentless and unwarranted warfare has been waged against the company and its interests by politicians and some of the newspapers under the guise and in the name of municipal ownership, as the result of which its friends have been estranged and its credit destroyed, and claiming its inherent right to corporate existence and the realization of a fair return upon its investment after taking care of deterioration and betterments for which there is an always insistent demand, especially from those who would tear down and destroy, the Clarendon Water Works Company yesterday issued to its patrons a lengthy statement of its position in the whole matter, carrying with it an announcement of an increase in rates effective January 1st.

The notices came out to subscribers with the morning mail and the increase in the rates was the most generally discussed public question of the day. There was not the indignation and public howl that one would expect to follow an announcement of the kind, but the average man was quite busy during the day in analyzing the statement of the new rates and calculating just how they would apply. The increase is both in the fixture rate and in the meter rate and it is stated from the office of the company that the average will be from seven to ten per cent.; in other words that the company's annual gross income of approximately $31,000 will be increased thereby from $2,500 to $3,000. This, it is pointed out, is necessary to keep up repairs and provide against deterioration, which has been rather neglected necessarily during the past several years when the company was constantly threatened with absorption by the city and when it was unable to negotiate loans to supplement its construction account in any appreciable degree. There is no definite assurance of improvement of the present plant further than has been the policy of the company all along, as was exemplified in the recent installation of the the filter plant, the cost of which was met out of current revenues.

There is no increase in the rate for one opening or usage, ordinary domestic purposes, which remains at $6 per annum, but for two openings or uses, ordinary domestic purposes, the increase is from $10 and $11 to $12 per annum. For three openings or uses, ordinary domestic purposes, the rate is increased from $14 to $17 per year, while for three openings, when one is a hose connection, ordinary domestic purposes, the advance is from $15 to $18 per annum. It is explained that the scale of prices was not advanced to the small consumer, using but one opening or usage, as they are least able to pay it.

The advance in the metre rate is from 15 to 20 cents per hundred cubic feet up to 8,000 cubic feet, with a similar increase for larger quantities at a lower rate as follows: From 8,000 to 16,000 cubic feet, each hundred feet equal to 750 gallons, 19 cents; 16,000 to 25,000 cubic feet, 18 cents; 25,000 to 35,000 cubic feet, 17 cents; 35,000 to 50,000 cubic feet, 16 cents; 50,000 to 65,000 cubic feet, 15 cents; from 65,000 to 80,000 cubic feet, 14 cents; 80,000 to 100,000 cubic feet, 13 cents; 100,000 to 120,000 cubic feet, 12 cents; 120,000 to 140,000 cubic feet, 11 cents; 140,000 to 160,000 cubic feet, 10 cents; 160,000 to 180,000 cubic feet, 9 cents; 180,000 to 2000,000 cubic feet, 8 cents; 200,000 to 225,000 cubic feet, 7 cents; 225,000 to 250,000 cubic feet, 6 cents.

The minimum quarterly meter rate, usual three quarter inch service pipe, will be $2.50 which allows during the three months a consumption of 9,375 gallons instead of 12,500 gallons as heretofore. Those who desire the meter rate can procure same by buying their meters which the company will install and keep in repair at its own expense. The above maximum rate is 26 2-3 cents per thousand gallons.

As a justification of this advance in rates the company sets forth in its circular letter that the maximum meter rates per thousand gallons at other cities in the State are as follows: Raleigh, 25 cents; Henderson, 30 cents; Durham, 25 cents; Salisbury, 25 cents; Asheville, 30 cents; Greensboro, 25 cents and Charlotte, 50 cents. The company expresses regret at the necessity of the change and asks for the fair consideration of the public and the press in making this announcement.

Just what effect this advance in rates will have upon the further negotiations for the purchase of the plant by the city is not known. It is pointed out by some friends of municipal ownership even, that if the city were to take over the plant, the Commission would soon have to increase the rates

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY GERMAN

Brilliant Holiday Affair by L'Agile Cotillon Club Last Night—Given in Honor of Ashe-Stockard Bridal Party.

The annual holiday german of L'Agile Cotillon Club, which was danced last night in the handsome ball room of the Masonic Temple and which was in honor of the Ashe-Stockard bridal party, was a delightful affair in every respect.

The decorations were befitting the holiday season and consisted of flags, Southern smilax, bamboo and other plants and flowers, on the south wall having been a floral execution of the words "Ashe-Stockard" in recognition of the honorees. Mr. Paul L. Cantwell led the figures and was most proficient in this respect. Excellent music for the dance was furnished by Hollowbush's Academy orchestra and at 12 o'clock the new year was welcomed with gladsome shouts of the dancers intermingled with college cheers and songs by the large number of collegians at home for the holidays and in attendance upon the pretty affair. The number of spectators in the balcony was large and altogether the dance was one of the prettiest and most elaborate of the season.

Among those present and dancing were: Miss Nannie Holladay with Mr. Emmet Crow; Miss Foster, of Graham, with Mr. Norwood Huske; Miss Helen Strange with Mr. Marion James; Miss Mary Ella Moore with Mr. Haughton James; Miss Nellie Savage with Mr. Eugene LeGrand; Miss Huske, of Winston, with Mr. Ernest Peschau; Miss Ella Jacobs with Mr. Will Gore; Miss Annie Hill Holmes with Mr. Alban Pleasants; Miss Isabel Williams with Mr. John Myers; Miss Julia Worth with Mr. Markley Crosswell; Miss Amoret Lord with Mr. Rob James; Miss Madeline DeRosset with Mr. Louis T. Moore; Miss Theo. Cantwell with Mr. Rob Cantwell; Miss Virginia Bailey with Mr. Walter Storm; Miss Helen Pleasants with Dr. Boyd; Miss Sadie Williams with Mr. Waddell Watters; Miss Agnes McQueen with Mr. B. O'Neill; Miss Josephine Boylan, of Raleigh, with Mr. W. P. Emerson; Miss Bessie Latimer with Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr.; Miss Carrie Sale Hadwick with Mr. H. Latimer; Miss Lina DeRosset with Mr. Shepard Pender; Miss Beulah Armstrong with Mr. Dick Dunn; Miss Isabelle Smallbones with Mr. John Murchison; Miss Eugie Woodruff with Mr. Henry Taylor; Miss Katie Grainger with Mr. Theodore James; Miss Owens, of Oregon, with Mr. Willie Watters; Miss Sue Prince with Mr. T. D. Meares, Jr.; Miss Horner, of Oxford, with Mr. Willaim Peck; Miss Bessie Gore with Mr. H. P. West; Miss Jennie Murchison with Mr. Laurence Sprunt; Miss DuBose, of Charlottesville, with Mr. George Kidder; Miss Atha Hicks with Mr. Earl Crosswell; Miss Atha Hicks with Mr. Hal Boatwright; Miss Lauriston Hardin with Mr. Louis Belden; Miss Lillian Kenly with Mr. Ed Prince; Miss Helen Kenly with Mr. Victor Grainger; Miss Merriwether, of Buena Vista, Va., with Mr. George Parsley; Miss Maria Maffitt with Mr. J. J. Parker, of Monroe; Miss Lamb, of Williamston, with Mr. Gittings, of Baltimore; Miss Florence Kidder with Mr. Thomas Hill; Miss Short with Mr. G. Kenan.

Patronesses—Mrs. Anne Northrop, Miss Belle Anderson, Mrs. Empie, Mrs. T. B. Willard.

MOST WORTHY BENEFIT

Crystal Palace Will Present Attractive Programme Thursday Night.

For the benefit of a fund which is being raised by Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, to send to an institution of correction two young incorrigibles of the city who will otherwise be denied this noble beneficence, a benefit performance will be given Thursday night at the Crystal Palace, the entire proceeds of which will go to this work of charity. Messrs. VanDuzen Brothers, proprietors of the pretty theatre, have tendered their place of amusement without reserve for this occasion and the affair promises to be largely attended. A special programme will be put on and all who attend the benefit may be assured of something good.

Later another performance to which the Crystal Palace, the Bijou, and the Majestic theatres will contribute the vaudeville acts will be given in the Academy of Music. The programme for this is being arranged by Captain Wm. F. Robertson, Messrs. Thomas H. Wright and James H. Cowan. Hollowbush's Academy orchestra has donated its services for the occasion and all the Academy staff will contribute their services toward the worthy cause. The date will probably be Monday night, January 13th. A big feature will be several selections by a special quartette composed of Messrs. Bate, White and the Messrs. Fenley, who are among the favorite male singers of the city.

REV. R. T. COIT TO SPEAK.

Here in the Interest of Layman's Missionary Movement.

Rev. R. T. Coit, of Salisbury, Synod's representative for the Layman's Missionary and Forward Movement, arrived in the city yesterday and will speak tonight at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. He is an interesting and eloquent speaker and is well qualified to speak upon the great subject which he has in hand. The hour is 8 o'clock and all are invited to hear him.

THE NEW YEAR HERE

Nineteen Eight Was Ushered in With Appropriate Ceremonies Last Night at Twelve.

GENERAL HOLIDAY, THIS

Business of Past Year Has Been Good. Interesting Statistics of the Port and Figures From the Postoffice.

With the accustomed roar of deep bass steam whistles from the water front, the shouts of revelers in the streets, the clanging of bells of every conceivable tone and the occasional firing of high explosives all over town, the new year of 1908 was ushered in last night with unmistakable manifestations of joy and gladness.

In several of the churches there were services appropriate to the hour and in numerous family circles there were appropriate watch-night gatherings of more or less import. The services at all the churches are reported to have been well attended and the exercises very appropriate and pleasing. The special service of this character held in the city was at the Boys' Brigade Armory where several hundred ladies and gentlemen assembled to watch the old year out and ring in the new. There was a programme of music and interesting addresses appropriate to the occasion by Col. Walker Taylor, founder and commander of the Brigade who presided; Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church; Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church. The service is spoken of by all in attendance as having been very pretty and impressive indeed. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Holmes just as the audience filed out of the large hall to welcome the new year.

Events in the City Today.

The New Year will be generally observed as a holiday in the city today. There will be a suspension of all public business, the banks will be closed, the schools will not be in session and everywhere there will be a more or less observance of the first day of 1908. On the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club there will be a 27-hole handicap for men for which two handsome cups are offered as first and second prizes. Play will begin at 10 o'clock this morning and an oyster roast and luncheon will be served during the day.

Business of the Year.

Wilmington business men and those of this section have many things to be thankful for in taking a retrospect of the year 1907. In spite of the financial stringency, it is admitted that the dawn of the new year breaks upon this part of the State at least with conditions as near satisfactory as could be expected. In spite of the flurry in the money market, all products are commanding good prices and producers have plenty to sell. Wilmington never had a greater cotton year and, strange to relate, in spite of the stagnation in many lines of business the South's great staple is today commanding an even cent per pound more than it was this time last year. This fact is verified from the books of the Chamber of Commerce, where an accurate statement of all market quotations are kept from day to day. All other produce is also commanding good prices and there is no reason why 1907 should not go down in history as one of the most prosperous that business men have experienced in a decade.

Some Port Statistics.

From figures compiled yesterday at the Custom House up to the first of the new calendar year, it is shown that there has been no let-up in businesses through that important channel of commerce. This month the value of imports through the Custom House were $112,685, consisting of burlaps, fertilizer constituents, fruits from the West Indies, etc. The total collections for the month were $3,546.58. But the greatest achievement was, of course, in the exportation of cotton. All told eleven steamers cleared during the month, one to Port Glasgow with veneering timber and naval stores; another to Bristol, England, with naval stores exclusively, and the remaining nine steamers with cotton cargoes, carrying all told 110,221 bales valued at $6,630,000, other exports increasing this amount to $6,717,000 for the month. Five of the cargoes went to Bremen, Germany; two to Liverpool, and one each to Barcelona, Spain, and Havre, France.

The value of exports the past month were $6,717,000 against only $5,789,942 same month last year. While the exports were heavy for December they were not quite up to October of this year, when 117,373 bales were sent across.

The latest clearance of a cotton steamer from the port was the British ship Lord Derby, Capt. Glasson, which will sail at daylight this morning. She carries 15,013 bales, valued at $901,000 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son to parties in

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A VIRGINIA OUTRAGE.

That is a sad story of official neglect that comes from Newport News, Va., a thriving city located near Norfolk.

According to the Times-Herald a murder was committed in that city in August, the murderer, who had stabbed his victim to death, was arrested and after the usual delays was tried and finally given a short term in the penitentiary.

At the time of the murder two men were held as witnesses. They were honest, hard working men and were regularly employed as riveters in a big shipyard located in that city, but as they could not give a bond for their appearance at the trial, they were thrown into jail. The trial was finally held and the murderer found guilty and sentence as above noticed, but everyone had forgotten about the two men held in durance vile and they were not even called on to testify.

In a news story of the affair the Times Herald says:

Imprisoned in the city jail since the first of September with no charge against them, and now seeking to gain their liberty that they may spend their Christmas at home is the fate which has befallen Harry Dougherty and James Monroe, two shipyard riveters, and their case is one of the most peculiar ones which has ever been met in the local courts.

Dougherty and Monroe have been held as witnesses in the Dan Waterman murder trial, and that is the only ground on which they are now imprisoned, though the trial has been over nearly one week.

One of them was imprisoned on the 30th of August, the day after the murder, while the other was locked up on the 2nd of September. Neither could give bond for appearance at the trial and in jail they have been permitted to remain.

When the case came to trial neither of the men was called as a witness and Judge Barham knew nothing of their incarceration till this morning when he received a communication from them asking for their release. He immediately started an investigation and found that they had been held over three terms of court and for nearly a week after the trial without any charge being against them.

If such a state of affairs were to exist in some Heathen country, crowds would rise up in righteous indignation and earnestly discuss whether it would be best to dispatch a fleet of battleships or a squad of misionaries to the scene at once.

A PROHIBITIONISTS' VIEW.

In a communication to the News and Observer, Mr. Andrew Joyner, a well known newspaper correspondent, presents one side of the Prohibition question in a most interesting manner.

The question under discussion and which led up to the remarks quoted below was as to whether a special session of the Legislature, called by the Governor to take action on the rate bill passed at the last session, could also pass upon other matters, not set forth in the call issued by the Governor.

In his correspondence Mr. Joyner quotes a gentleman whom he describes as "being personally a Prohibitionist."

He says:

"An over-enthusiastic prohibitionist expressed the confident hope that the coming special session of the Legislature would pass a general State prohibition law. He was quickly rebuked by another Prohibitionist, not quite so rapid in his advance by the following declaration: 'It is both mischievous and wrong, in my opinion, to agitate the passing of any such law, should there be a special session. While reforms never go backward, the best of them are often ruined by forgetting the course of all power and all reform, the people. The people by next election will without doubt instruct a very large majority of their legislators to vote for a general Prohibition law, and such representatives will gladly obey such instructions, but as the present legislature was not elected under any such sentiment, for them to now act on this matter would in all probability cause a revulsion, because of its being done without express authority from the individual sovereigns. They are apt to be right in the final round-up, but these sovereigns are properly jealous of their rights.'"

THE PASSING OF A TYPE.

Theatre-goers in all parts of the country will note with sincere regret that "Billy" Rice is dead. Forty years ago "Billy" was a prime favorite and was one of the best entertainers of his day. He was just a plain "Nigger minstrel." He was not an artist and never claimed to be.

This means that he blacked his face with burnt cork and sang and danced to the great delight of tens of thousands of people, all the way from the St. Lawrence to the Everglades of Florida and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In fact we believe he also crossed both the oceans.

He was not a great actor and did not try to interpret problem plays. His songs were simple and always refined but they made people laugh and they always wanted to hear them again.

He was a type of entertainer that has passed. His humor was homely, but it was clean. He was in the same class with old "Dan" Emmet, the apthor of Dixie, whose death was recorded only a few weeks ago.

The Dramatic News in speaking of his death says:

"He was the last of the old time "nigger minstrels." Not one of them actually represented "nigger" character, but they made an abundance of fun that did no hurt to anybody. They scattered sunshine over the land, and will be always remembered by the older people most appreciatively."

RENT WAR IN NEW YORK.

They are having a lively time over the question of rents in the big city of New York and it looks like a real war between the landlords and tenants. It seems that over on what is termed the East Side the landlords have increased the rents; unreasonably on the tenants, so they declare, and they are on a strike against the advance in the cost of living.

They say that since "hard times" came on, many of them have been absolutely put out of work and that the rest of them have had their wages reduced. In the face of this, they do not feel that they are in any condition to pay a higher rent.

The landlords on their part, say that if the tenants do not want to pay the rent charged they can get out, and that if they do not pay they will will be dispossessed. The women of the section have taken up the fight and a lively contest is looked for.

Recent dispatches from Gotham, said that the city was overcrowded and that people could not possibly find shelter, that is, rooms or tenements, and if this is true, we suppose the real estate man will "win out," as he generally does, and then go out and purchase another diamond.

A MODEST MAN.

Senator Mallory of Florida has set an example worthy of emulation. In the first place, a man of considerable means, and holding the honored position of United States Senator, he was a most modest man. He was what might be termed "an everyday sort of a fellow." This however, would not apply to intellectual achievements. He lived a simple life and espoused a religion which is opposed to graft of any sort. As a Senator he had seen many "Congressional" funerals, with all of their emptiness and sham. He had noticed and probably unwittingly been obliged to participate in some of them, with their petty graft for the alleged mourners, in which soap, wine, cigars, pocketknives and even handbags were counted among the things necessary to the proper interment of the "late lamented."

Senator Mallory despised show and graft and he left directions that he should be laid to his final rest in the manner suited to a conservative and honorable gentleman.

We are glad to know that his wishes were carried out to the very letter.

NOVEL CHRISTMAS DINNER.

It is gratifying to know that the three miners burried alive in a Nevada mine, 1,000 feet below the surface, have a chance of being recovered and brought out alive. They have been "buried alive" since Dec. 1, and it is probable that the most novel Christmas dinner ever served was that served to them. It consisted of soup, turkey and desert and these were sent down to them through a six-inch tube.

By this same means they are kept in telephone communication with the workers, who are digging night and day in their efforts to get them out.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Postoffices were first established in 1464, but it is only within recent years they have been used as political machines.—Richmond Journal.

—Jeffries Davis opened his mouth so wide that he must have fallen into it. We have not heard from him since that widely advertised speech. —Florida Times Union.

—The Indianapolis News says Indiana is for "Harmony and Fairbanks." We're hopeful of harmony, but can't say as much for his running mate.—Atlanta Constitution.

—Raleigh Republicans are predicting that Governor Hughes will beat Secretary Taft out in the nomination. But the Secretary has determined to get busy and may yet defeat all of his opponents.—Raleigh Times.

—How would a national home for aged and indigent ex-Presidents meet Mr. Cleveland's suggestions in the matter?—Charlotte Observer.

—The State of Georgia should now keep a paternal eye on the water supply of its cities. To decree that people shall drink water and then give them bad water might cause an armed revolt.—Charlotte Observer.

—Colonel Bryan, who has been making $50,000 a year as a lecturer, has quit the platform until after the presidential campaign. It will be news to many that Senator Tillman has been dropped by the lecture bureau that employs him. The manager of the bureau says it could not stand for his manners and his language.—Raleigh News and Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—Jaspar—Have you got a nurse for your children yet? Jumpuppe—No. We have changed our policy and have hired a referee.—Town Topics.

—"What's the longest word in the language?" "Good-night, I guess, It takes lovers about two hours and a half to say it."—Nashville American.

—Caesar thrice refused a kingly crown, "I guess," said he to Marc Loeb, "that will relieve some of these boom-nursers."—Pittsburg Post.

—"Pop!' "Yes, my son." "Is a thousand feet of gas much?" "It all depends, my boy, whether a man is burning it or paying for it."—Yonker's Statesman.

—"Did your last cook turn out well?" "Oh, finely! We were with her only one day, but she baked enough thinks to last a week."—Harper's Bazar.

—"Evidently a Turkish bath is a scheme to keep one perpetually dirty." "I judge from what you say that you've never taken one." "No, but I've seen a Turk."—Philadelphia Press.

—"John, I can't make up my mind whether to chirsten baby after Aunt Jane or Aunt Mary." "Oh, Aunt Jane, of course. She's quite as rich and ever so much more delicate."—Brooklyn Life.

—Young Aspirant—Sir, may I count on your supporting me? Practical Citizen—That depends, young man. Are you going to run for office or do you want to marry my daughter?—Philadelphia Ledger.

—"I don't know which is the greater gossip, Mrs. Lovenews or Miss Scandalmonger." "They say Mrs. Lovenews has a circulation 25 per cent. greater than Miss Scandalmonger."—Brooklyn Life.

—First Tramp—After all, it pays to be polite, pardner. Second Tramp—Not always. The other day I was actin' deaf and dumb when a man gave me sixpence. I says, "Thank you sir," and he had me arrested.—Tit-Bits.

—Joakley—He would never have become so addicted to drink if it hadn't been for the trouble he had. Coakley—Why, what trouble did he have? Joakley—He had trouble keeping away from it.—Catholic Standard and Times.

—"They say you first got to know the girl in a railway carriage and were engaged when you arrived at the terminus. That was quick work, wasn't it?" "Oh, no; we were traveling in a slow train."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

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Effective January 5th No. 45 now leaving Wilmington at 4:00 A. M. will leave 4:50 A. M. No. 39 same as now, 4:00 P. M.

No. 44 will arrive at Wilmington 12:35 A. M. instead of 1:25 A. M. as now. No. 40 will arrive 1:30 P. M. instead of 2:20 as now.

No. 39 and 40 is run only as far as Hamlet, 44 and 45 through to Charlotte. No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk, No. 84 for Washington, No. 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, No. 43 for Columbia and Jacksonville.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with 66 for Washington, No. 81 for Columbia and Jacksonville. No. 40 connects at Hamlet with 32 from Portsmouth-Norfolk, No. 38 from Charlotte and Atlanta, No. 44 has no connection at Hamlet.

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With increased stock and facilities for handling your trade, both in our wholesale and retail departments, we hope to merit a continuance of your patronage, and, to those who are not patrons, we invite to give us a call in 1908.

Yours sincerely,

N. Jacobi Hardware Co.

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We have the Nobbiest Line of Xmas Slippers In the City.

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Some Resolutions for the New Year

BE IT RESOLVED—
That I will be fair to myself and those dependent on me, and save a part of my income regularly.

BE IT RESOLVED—
That I will lay the foundation for my success by saving a part of my income regularly.

BE IT RESOLVED—
That I will be prepared for my opportunity when it presents itself, by having saved a part of my income regularly.

BE IT RESOLVED—
That the old reliable WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY SHALL BE MY savings bank, for it pays 4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly, and is a bank that has stood the test of time, is strong, well managed and popular.

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Well Pleased With Our Purchases

We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.

Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.

F. A. BISSINGER.
119 Market.

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Christmas Goods. ..

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All the Late Novels,
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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$84.740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG,
Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

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SOUTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY

No. 215 Princess Street.

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We extend you an invitation to do your banking with this institution next year. The United States Government just increased its deposit and now has

$104,000.00

in our keeping. Our total assets now amount to nearly Two Million Dollars, yet we are seeking new accounts for the new year, and are prepared to care for your own.

The Southern National Bank

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of buelness December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23

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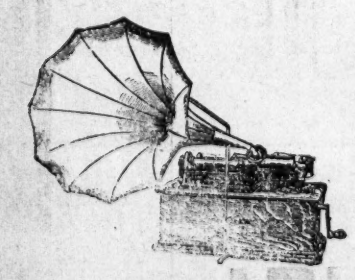

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Phone 764. General Manager.

Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER,
Notary Public.

Correst Attest,
M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
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Directors.

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IT'S JOHNSON AND BRYAN

The Popular Governor of Minnesota is Pitted Against the Wily Nebraskan, and the Contest Waxes Very Warm.

(Special to the Observer.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Without a single outward sign of war between Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, and William J. Bryan, there is really being waged right now in Minnesota a contest which may decide the outcome of the Democratic national convention. Really, Johnson and Bryan are engaged in a death grapple in Minnesota and the fight is occurring altogehter under cover. If Bryan wins, Johnson's name will never be seriously mentioned in the race for the Democratic nomination. If Johnson wins, he has made a most gigantic stride towards the White House—or at least, towards the leadership of the Democratic host at the next election. Practically nothing of this fight has so far appeared in public, but within the next few weeks Minnesota—and the entire country—will ring with the sounds of the conflict. Even now Bryan is endeavoring to "smoke" Johnson out, say the friends of the latter, but he has not yet succeeded.

Johnson Has Best of It.

So far Johnson has the best of the fight. Without appearing to act by authority of the Governor, Johnson's friends are doing everything possible to have the Democrats in Minnesota send a delegation to the Democratic national convention which will be instructed for Johnson. The plea is the old one of the "favorite son," and upon that argument Johnson is making rapid headway even among the Bryan men. The latter, or at least that large proportion of the Bryan men who are not on the "inside," and who do not know the scheme, can see no danger to Mr. Bryan in having Minnesota cast its vote for Governor Johnson, who in fact is very popular with his constituents. "Bryan will have enough votes to nominate him anyway, and it's a pretty compliment to Johnson to be mentioned as a candidate," is one of the apologies being offered.

Minnesota's Plans.

Johnson's plan is to first secure the Minnesota delegation. Then he figures on securing North Dakota and probably one or two other neighboring States. He knows well enough that New York, New Jersey and probably Pennsylvania and Massachusetts will never send Bryan delegations to Denver if there is a possibility of any other candidate. So he expects to have friendly delegations from these and several other States as well. While these are not enough to nominate Johnson, the Democratic rule of a two-third vote necessary for a nomination is counted upon by him to prevent the nomination of Bryan on the first few ballots, and he expects other States to then fall into the Johnson column, having fulfilled their instructions and voted for Bryan "as long as there is a chance for his nomination."

But Bryan knows the plans of Johnson and among his friends that plan is thought formidable enough to cause uneasiness, so much so that they have started the underground fight against Johnson in his own State, with one hope of preventing his endorsement by Minnesota and the consequent rout of the Johnson men.

Won't Come Out in Open.

Having announced that while he will not seek the nomination, yet he will not attempt to evade a drafting process, Bryan cannot well afford to openly fight Johnson for a "complimentary" vote of his own State, and his friends here are therefore obliged to fight under cover. At the same time Johnson does not wish to be placed in a position of openly fighting Bryan, and he also is willing for the fight to be one of underground methods. In fact, Johnson is more anxious to keep his fight out of sight than are the Bryan men. If the latter can force Johnson to come out in the open and start the fight himself—that is, start the open fight—they will be well pleased indeed. At the first false move of the Johnson men, the Bryanites, having Johnson in the open, figure the victory will be easy.

It can be stated authoritatively that Johnson has some heavy interests and some good politicians on his side and that these people are opponents not to be despised. And the majority by which Johnson was elected Governor of Minnesota shows that he himself is very popular and is a vote getter at home.

If Johnson secures this delegation from his own State, he will immediately become a full-fledged candidate and a formidable one, too. And if he loses Minnesota, he is down and out without ever having come to the surface. The situation is causing fright among the Minnesota friends of Mr. Bryan and to Mr. Bryan himself.

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"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the est remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Its timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at R. R. Bellamy's drug store: 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

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James Parsons, Jr.

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Tryon row, London, is a street three blocks long leading off the Strand, and at the end of three blocks it suddenly becomes Chester street. No. 97 has twelve rooms in all, and to this number there came one day a poor devil of an artist named James Parsons, Jr.

Two days later James Parsons, Jr., No. 2, arrived and took room 8, on the second floor. Two days after No. 2 came No. 3. He took room 2, on the third floor.

One would think that the agent who had rented three different rooms to three different men of the same name in the same building in the same week would have remarked to at least one of the Parsons on the singular coincidence, but the receipts were made out and nothing was said. For two weeks the three men were ignorant of each other's identity. Then something happened that led to much trouble for all of them. One day as the artist was painting away the agent of an express company walked into his room, made him identify himself by his rent receipt and left him a package containing $10,000. With him it was an everyday matter, and after getting the signature he went off whistling. With the artist it was a matter to make him gasp and turn pale and wonder if a house had fallen on him. On the envelope it was recorded that the package was sent by Thomas Parsons of Oxford. The artist had never been in the town or heard of the sender.

The artist waited three days for a letter, but none came. His first thought was to communicate with the sender. His second was to keep and enjoy what the gods had sent him. He cleaned his brushes, put away his easel and walked out and locked the door behind him. Then he went to the barber's and had his mustache shaved off, to the clothier's and indulged in the purchase of a new suit, and when he took lodgings it was in a street four miles from Tryon row. He had vacated just in time. He had not been gone an hour when the expressman, accompanied by a policeman, knocked at his door. In hunting for the man who had walked out the others of the same name were discovered. What was more, each one claimed that the package was for him and began to bluster and threaten.

The artist had always figured that if he found himself rich he would paint a painting to astonish the world. His figuring went to pieces in the face of facts. He quit the brush forever, as he hoped, and went to the country to loaf and fish and pass for a millionaire. While the police were looking for him in London and having all the seaports watched the man of paints was only thirty miles away and paying court to a young widow who had been left a public house. Within a month he proposed marriage and was accepted, and the newly wedded pair went on a bridal tour through France and Switzerland.

Meanwhile, as a matter of course, Thomas Parsons of Oxford had been communicated with. He was a merchant and had sent the money to his brother in the city for a special object. The brother was named James Parsons, Jr. He was not at 97 Tryon row, but at 97 Chester street, which was the same thing, with a difference. That made four James Parsonses who were mixed up in the affair, with Thomas Parsons on the outside. When the artist did not return to his rooms it was realized that he was taking advantage of the mistake. A reward was offered, and some of the best detective talent was put on the case, but weeks and months went past and there was no news. It was believed that Parsons had got away to North or South America, and the case had been practically dropped when he was taken into custody in a curious manner. The newsboy who had brought his evening paper to the studio had been much interested in the paintings lying about. If they were daubs to others, they were the height of art to him. Having seen and talked with Parsons five or six times, it was not at all wonderful that he should remember him. With other boys of his class he went down to the Derby when the yearly event came off. By that time Parsons and his bride had returned from the wedding trip, and he was blowing in the last of the fortune. Nothing had been too good for the couple while abroad.

It was while he was seeking to place a small bet that the newsboy spotted the artist. He was a keen little chap and followed Parsons home. Upon his return to the city he went to the express company, which had meanwhile been forced to make good to the right party, and offered to give the artist away for $500 in cash. He was at once turned over to the detectives and locked up. They worked every sort of scheme to get his information for nothing, but at the end of three weeks they gave up in despair and advised the express company to pay the money. Not until it was put in the hands of his father would the boy locate the much wanted man. Parsons was at once arrested and locked up. He had enough of the money left to secure good counsel, and when the case came to trial a very singular state of affairs was made known. There was a law that would have sent him to prison for converting the contents of a letter to his own use, but there was no law to cover an express package. The only recourse of the express company was a civil suit to recover the sum, and Parsons had nothing to attach. As a matter of fact, he was set at liberty and never troubled, and, though parliament had the living example before it, it was four years later before a law was enacted to cover such cases.

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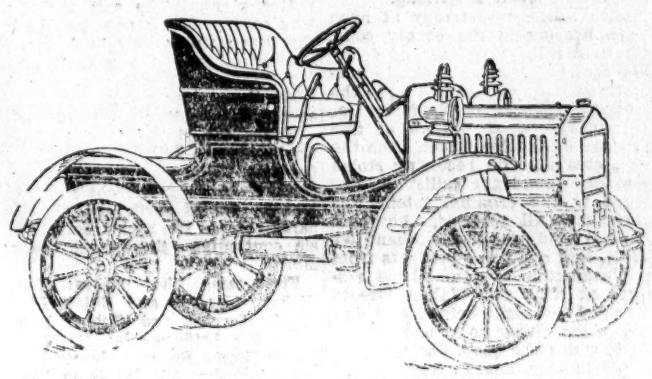

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Wednesday, January 1, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, December 31.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 40 degrees; 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum 57 degrees; minimum 40 degrees; mean 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, 2.31.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville. No report.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light variable winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 1.

Sun Rises .....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets .....4:59 P. M.
Day's Length .....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 5:43 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 8:13 P. M.

Sufficient Unto the Day.

When I hears de horns a tootin'
'Bout de New Year an' its glee,
Will I staht in resolutin'?
No, honey, 'cause you see,
A promise ain't enough to win
What you'se a-aimin' at.
I'se gwinter to de bes' I kin,
An' let it go at dat.

I won't staht no inspection
Foh some special kind o' vice
Dat I'll choose out foh correction.
'Twould be easy-like an' nice,
But when ol' Satan comes along,
A-purrin' like a cat,
I'se gwinter fight 'im good an' strong,
An' let it go at dat.

—Washington Star.

ONLY ONE BOUND OVER.

Big Hearing in Swift Robbery Cases Before Justice Furlong.

Justice Furlong yesterday at noon gave a hearing in the county court room to the large number of defendants arrested Monday night in connection with the disclosures as to the systematic robbery of Swift & Co., the wholesale meat dealers of this city. The nine colored men from the Sound, charged with receiving stolen goods were found not guilty and discharged as the criminal intent was not shown. All testified, however, that they had purchased quantities of meat, lard and other products from the Washington woman, whose restaurant at Nutt and Walnut streets was raided the night before. She was bound to the higher court under bond of $200, which she gave. She was represented by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy and Brooke G. Empie, Esq. The prosecution was represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq.

It should be stated in justice to the police that the matter of the robbery of the cars had been reported to them, but they exercised every diligence in attempting to round up the thieves without success. The great difficulty encountered was in the fact that frequently the cars were left open by the employes of the establishment and it was impossible to go up against circumstances like those.

"ALONG THE KENNEBEC."

Favorite Old New England Play Offering at Academy Today.

Love and pathos intermingled with contagious humor, framed in a picture of rural simplicity, are the rudiments of success of "Along the Kennebec," the newest New England play which will be the attraction at the Academy this afternoon at matinee and also tonight. No play written on this popular theme has proven more successful and it bids fair to rival in popularity the most attractive plays of modern times. Special care has been taken securing the company and the scenic production is unsurpassed. The piece is full of good bright comedy and the funny duel scene causes screams of laugter. The company carry an unusually good band and orchestra this season.

The prices this afternoon will be 25 and 50 cents. Tonight only up to 75 cents.

Into New Fire House.

The Hook and Ladder Company and the Chemical Engine No. 1 yesterday moved into the handsome new consolidated fire house recently built on Fourth, near Dock street. Last night there was something of an informal house warming at which Chief Schnibben, Chairman French, of the Fire Committee, and other officials in the service, were present. The building is an elegant one, comfortably and conveniently equipped and the service will be greatly improved as the result of building the new quarters. Those who have occasion to call the hook and ladder by telephone will hereafter please call as usual, No. 268.

Will Attend Wedding.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Crowley and Mrs. George C. Worth will go over to Winnabow, Brunswick county, this afternoon to be present at the marriage this afternoon at 5 o'clock in New Hope Presbyterian Church, of Miss Clara Taylor, an attractive young woman of that place, and Maj. Daniel Russell Johnson, also of Brunswick. A large number of other Wilmington friends are also expected to be in attendance upon the wedding.

Standard Oil Barge Clears.

Standard Oil Barge No. 94, one of the few five-masters that ever came into the port, cleared yesterday in tow of the tug Standard, Capt. Gregory, for Baltimore. Capt. Erickson is in command of the barge which is one of the finest in the service of the company. She is equipped with wireless and has every other convenience and appointment of the modern craft.

To the Beach.

today. Closed cars every half hour, 2 to 6 P. M. Lumina heated. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Public Library will be closed today on account of the holiday but will be open tomorrow as usual.

—First Church of Christ, Scientist, Carolina Place: Services this evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are invited.

—The annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce will be given on the night of Thursday, January 30th at The Orton.

—By deed filed for record yesterday, Thos. Galespa and wife transferred to Francis St. George and Jas. Davis, each for $5, one-half acre of land in Harnett township.

—The North Carolina Sorosis will hold its regular business meeting on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Club rooms. The executive committee will meet at 3:45 P. M. A large attendance is desired.

—There were but two trifling cases before the Mayor yesterday. Ed Brist, a negro, who was dodging behind trees to escape Policeman Frank George Monday night, was up as a suspicious character but was dismissed. James Welch, drunk and down, was fined $5 and costs.

—During the past month the Register of Deeds issued license to 51 couples of which 29 were colored and 22 were white. December is always the matrimonial month of the year and the record of licenses issued during the holidays of 1907 is slightly ahead of the corresponding period last season.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Popular Young People Plight Their Troth at Clinton.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 31.—On the afternoon of Dec. 26, 1907, at 4 o'clock, at the hospitable country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Herring, a beautiful marriage was solemnized, when their daughter, Miss Luphelia, and Mr. George Milton Floyd stood at the hymeneal altar and Rev. J. M. Alderman in his usual impressive manner, spoke the happy words that made them one.

The parlor was tastefully decorated with holly, Southern smilax and potted plants. The soft radiance of wax candles lent a peculiar charm to the scene and a holy hush pervaded the assembly as the moment arrived for these two young people to take upon themselves vows that were so sacred and binding.

Under the skilful touch of Miss Lovie Sigmon at the piano, and Mr. Carlyle Williams with the violin, the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed forth and the bridal party entered the parlor, soft, low music continuing throughout the ceremony.

First came the ushers: Messrs. Richard Herring and Elliott Pigford, Alvah Herring and Robert Herring. Then the bridesmaids: Misses Cora Floyd, Emma Bronson, Jessie Herring Floss Murphy, Ada Williams, Blanche Lucas and Mamie Meeks, maid of honor. The groom came in with his best man, Prof. Singletary. The flower girls, little Misses Pattie Herring and Vira Floyd, in dainty white silk dresses scattered flowers before the bride, who came in with her maid of honor, Miss Meeks.

During the ceremony the bride and groom stood under a beautiful arch of evergreens, and white carnations.

The bride looked very lovely in an exquisite dress of white point de 'esprit, over white silk, using veil and orange blossoms and carrying white carnations. The maid of honor was gowned in pale blue crepe de chine and the bridesmaids in white silk with blue ribbons.

The presents were numerous and beautiful attesting the popularity of the young couple.

An elegant dinner was served to the bridal party and near relatives. At 5:30 o'clock, amid showers of rice Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, accompanied by the attendants, drove to the station, and took the train for Orrum, their future home, where a reception was given them.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, and possesses many rare qualities of mind and heart, and a manner so unaffected as to compel love and admiration. The groom is a prosperous young business man of sterling worth.

May the Great Pilot guide their barque over placid waters, and at the close of life's journey, may He lead them into the Haven of Eternal Peace.

Persons from a distance who attended the marriage were Mrs. Colon Moore of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Howard, Salemburg; Misses Cora and Vira Floyd, Orrum; Prof. Singletary, Orrum; Miss Mamie Meeks Fayetteville; Miss Lovie Sigmon, Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Greensboro; and Dr. Willie Murphy, Snow Hill. A GUEST.

River Steamers Here.

The river steamer City of Fayetteville arrived in port yesterday from up the river and will be tied up here a few days for repairs and overhauling. The steamer C. W. Lyon, of the same line, which has been tied up during the holidays for repairs, took the schedule of the Fayetteville up the river yesterday evening.

Special New Year Schedule.

The Tidewater Power Company announces that an extra schedule will be operated on the suburban line today. Cars will be run every half hour from 2 to 6 P. M. All the cars will be closed. The freight depot will be closed and no freight will be handled on the line during the day.

THE NEW YEAR HERE

(Continued from first page.)

Liverpool, England.

Some Postoffice Figures.

Interesting not only from the fact that they show continued prosperity in the amount of business conducted during the holidays but because they show the wonderfully large number of transactions made in a single public institution, are the postoffice figures for December and those for a longer comparative period in the previous year. These were immediately available from Postmaster Wallace upon the close of business last night. For the month of December just ended the receipts at the Wilmington postoffice were $9,839.91, against only $7,823.88 during December last year, when the holiday traffic through the office struck the crest of the wave of prosperity, so to speak. The increase in favor of this year is 25 3-4 per cent., which is a pretty substantial indication that business in all lines has been good, for all persons, firms and corporations, as the lawyers like to express it, have to do some business through Uncle Sam's big clearing house at Front and Chesnut. The receipts at the Wilmington postoffice for the calendar year ended last night were $96,577.89, against only $88,819.90 for the calendar year of 1906, which all goes to show that the average increase was well maintained throughout the twelve months.

In connection with these figures, Postmaster Wallace has also compiled some interesting data with respect to other branches of the service. In the matter of special delivery letters for instance, it is shown that during the past six months 5,638 of these were received from other offices while 145 were deposited for local delivery, making a total of 5,783. Of that number only 91 failed of delivery and these were immediately dispatched to other offices. The amount paid for special delivery service during the past six months was $455.36, and the average time of each service was only ten minutes.

A comparative statement of the money order transactions for the six months ended Dec. 31st, 1906, and for the six months ended Dec. 31st, 1907, is also interesting. For the six months in 1906 there were issued from the Wilmington office 7,120 orders to the amount of $56,152.04, the fees on which were $443.65, while the six months this year there were 10,921 orders issued to the amount of $77,058.89, upon which the fees were $656.81. The six months in 1906, 144 foreign orders were issued to the amount of $3,144.62, on which the fees were $34.31, while the six months in 1907, foreign orders to the number of 233 were issued for an aggregate amount of $4,922.81, the fees on which were $51.13.

The Wilmington office is the depository of excess money order funds for 110 offices in the surrounding country and the amount so deposited during 1906 was $126,815.17, while this year for the six months the deposits were $181,616.55.

For the six months in 1906 there were 16,609 money orders paid at the Wilmington office, aggregating in amount $77,459.04, while in 1907 the money orders paid were 25,448, of an aggregate amount of $111,660.25. This readily shows the progress of business through the office and gives only an intimation of the vast number of transactions involved. For the six months in 1906, eight foreign money orders were paid to the amount of $63.15, while during the corresponding period in 1907 thirty-one foreign orders were paid, aggregating $926.31.

Verily all these figures show that in spite of the boasted "hard times" people continue to do business through the postoffice.

BACK FROM ISLE OF CUBA

Wilmington Tug Alexander Jones Makes Fast Time From Santiago.

The Wilmington tug Alexander Jones, Captain W. A. Sanders, which has been absent from the port about two week filling a contract to tow some lighters for a New York firm from Jacksonville, Fla., to Santiago de Cuba, arrived in port yesterday, having reached Southport Monday afternoon. She performed her contract to the utmost satisfaction of the New York parties and then made a record run back up the coast to the home port, covering the distance between Santiago and Southport in four days, averaging a speed of 11 1-2 knots per hour. She left Jacksonville Sunday morning and reached Southport Monday evening, which was remarkable indeed. The Jones has already added fresh laurels to her past achievements and is one of the staunchest craft of her class along the South Atlantic Coast.

Seminole in From Cruise.

The United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, Captain J. H. Quinan in command, reached port yesterday from an uneventful cruise as far south as Charleston. Officers and men will spend the New Year in port but will get out soon after the holidays for the regular Winter cruising, orders for which were received from Washington some time ago.

The fourth postoffice robbery near New Orleans during the holiday season was reported to the Inspection Department yesterday.

A Happy New Year. Platt & Haar.**

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NOTICE

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1907.

The busines of the Atlantic National Bank has been consolidated with the Murchison National Bank. The Murchison National Bank assumes all the liabilities of the Atlantic National Bank and obligates itself to pay the same.

With the large resources and liberal policy of the Murchison National Bank, all patrons of either bank may feel assured of the best treatment in every particular.

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FINANCIAL CONDITION

Comptroller of Currency Issues Most Interesting Statement Regarding The Banks of the Country.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 31.—W. B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency today gave out a statement dealing largely with financial conditions during the year 1907 in which he says that the conditions which made this crisis possible are the accummulated composite results of many years business.

The whole world has been over trading and expending and nowhere has it been more rampant than in the United States. The reaction was inevitable and though it might not have taken the form of a bank panic, had we been better prepared with such a banking and currency system as we should have, the times has come when some or all must pay for our over-indulgence.

"It is the duty of the banks," says the Comptroller, "to restore business to normal conditions by resuming their functions as promptly and as fully as possible. Fortunately there is not only the strongest desire and disposition on the part of the banks to do this, but conditions are such as to make it comparatively easy and to lead us to expect a much more prompt recovery than has followed other similar financial crisis.

"The reports of the Comptroller show that the reserves in the central reserve cities were but 22.2 against the legal requirement of 25 per cent. The forty reserve cities show 24.72 per cent. of legal reserve or almost the full legal minimum while their total cash means are 26.55 per cent. of their deposits. Of the forty cities, twenty-one show legal reserves above 25 per cent. while ten of them show over 30 per cent. of legal reserve and all but eight of them show more than 25 per cent. of total cash means. The largest reserves are in the Texas cities; Galveston and San Antonio, showing over 38 per cent. of legal reserve and Galveston over 48 per cent. of total cash means.

"There is not one State which does not show an excess of reserve above legal requirements of 15 per cent., and an increase in legal reserve and total cash means on December 3rd, above those held on August 22nd.

"Although the central reserve cities have received through imports of gold and otherwise, certainly as much as $150,000,000 probably considerably more, it has been paid out and their reserves paid down to 22.2 per cent., without the failure of a single bank in one of the central reserve cities.

"From October 20 to December 30, 1907 there have been but sixteen suspensions or failures of National banks. Of these, two have resumed, and several more should do so in the very near future.

"Contrast this with the panic of 1893, when 160 National banks failed and of these 54 were never re-opened The total number of National bank failures for 1907 is twenty one and this number has been exceeded many times in years when we have had nothing which could be called a panic. The banks are in better condition on January 1, 1908, than they ever were after such a crisis. The reports of condition of the National banks show that from August 22, to December 3 individual deposits decreased but $142,000,000 or about 3 1-4 per cent., while the decrease in cash on hand was but $40,000,000 and the increase in bills payable and re-discounts was about $42,000,000.

'Since December 3 the central reserves have steadily increased and the disappearance of any premium on currency in the last few days shows that the strain is relieved. Most of the reserve cities are up to their legal requirements, many of them far above it, and the country banks as a whole are in the same condition.

"We have had a very severe bank panic. It might, however, have been worse and would have been much worse, but for the aid given by the treasury department and some of the leading financial men of the country.

"The panic is over and the worst is past, but we have a long period of readjustment and recuperation before us. Values of all kinds will have to be re-arranged. We shall have more industrial and commercial failures, and probably some more bank failures. We shall have to go through a period of retrenchment and liquidation, but there is reason to believe it will not be so long or trying as it has been at other times.

"After we have paid our debts and reduced our expenses, the great resources of the land will revive our business, let us hope on a more sound and enduring basis than ever before."

COOKE LOCATED AGAIN.

Says He Intends to Marry Miss Whaley as Soon as He Can.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, who disappeared from his residence when his identification became known, together with his young companion, Floretta Whaley, and their baby, is staying at the home of a friend, where they are comfortably situated.

In an interview last night Cooke said he will return East as soon as he can get enough money to get her to travel and as soon as matters can be arranged he will marry Miss Whaley. It is expected that the grand mother of the young lady will send her the funds necessary to return East.

The police are not looking for Cooke, although dispatches from New York say that there is a warrant for the eloping preacher's arrest on the charge of abduction, and that the local authorities will be asked to find and hold the fugitive.

—Raleigh Republicans are predicting that Governor Hughes will beat Secretary Taft out in the nomination. But the Secretary has determined to get busy and may yet defeat all of his opponents.—Raleigh Times.

INCREASE OF RATES

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anyway. Especially would this be true, they say, if any improvements were undertaken. On the other hand it was stated yesterday that the evident purpose of the increase in the rates was to retaliate upon the city and to bring the Aldermen into disfavor for not concluding a purchase of the plant and going on with the improvements sooner. Few, however, took stock in this statement of the case, for it is regarded as a matter of too much concern to the owners to be trifled with in this manner, even were the company so disposed.

Some express the opinion that the city will yet buy the plant in which event the Commission will escape any odium that might attach to an advance in the rentals, for it is certain that the rates would not be reduced under municipal ownership if the plant is to be put on a paying basis for the city. Others hold the opinion that the statement issued by the company was impolitic and instead of getting the parties to the trade closer together, it has very materially widened the breach between the city and company. The statement exclusive of the statement of the rates as given above is in the following language:

"Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1907.

"To the Patrons of the Clarendon Water Works Company:

"During the past three years a steady relentless, staggering campaign has been waged by politicians and part of the press against this Company and its interests.

"It was sometimes called a fight for Municipal Ownership. At times it was. It has always been a fight against us.

"The people were misled. More through ignorance than predjudice, they were led to believe that this company was charging oppressive rates, when the rates here were lower than any place in North Carolina, of its size. Leading Chemists and our own State Board of Health declared the water wholesome and pure. This blessing to any community was a fact practically suppressed to the detriment of the City's welfare and progress, and to our hurt.

"The will of a people is supreme, and must win. We hoped that the constant agitation would enlighten. Finally at the polls further existence was denied us. It was decreed that we must sell or die. We then only asked fair renumeration for our property. Two experts, one for the City, one for the Company, passed upon the value of the plant. It is no simple work to value such a plant. These two experts only, of all connected with these negotiations, had such experience as gave them knowledge to know. Their reports had little influence, and the money paid for them practically wasted. The reports, however, made this fact known, that municipal or private operation of public utilities was not in the same class as free producing gold mines. The people who want facts, heard the ominous truth.

"They then knew that there had been much talk with little knowledge behind it.

"The craze began to decline. Its popularity decreased perceptibly.

"What of the Company in the meantime? Its friends had been driven from it, and worse, its credit totally destroyed. We awoke in the morning not surprised to read of some attack upon us; the sun went down to the grim music of the attack repeated.

"A Business Without Resources Must Die.

"Municipal power or impulse cannot be overcome by stricken business interests, and finally, we succumbed, accepted the situation as best we could, offered to sacrifice the plant at a value stated as fair by the City itself several times and our neck went to the block.

"To our surprise, the blow fell not; there was a hesitation, a faltering, and not one would strike.

"We were ready for dissolution; it was denied us. We should not die.

"The corporate life that had been clamored for during those hard and hopeless years when offered was refused.

"It is now decreed that we must live. The above brings us to the present. Let the above unfortunate history be expunged, forgiven and forgotten, and let us turn a fair and practical way to the future.

"To Live There Must be Sustenance.

"The business world and press have agreed that any business is legitimately entitled to a reasonable interest on money invested and such further income as provides for deterioration and betterment constantly demanded and necessary.

"That we may have this fair and just compensation, the rates below will be effective on and after January 1st, 1908."

CREDITORS WANT MONEY

Suit is Brought Against the Old South Carolina Dispensary.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 31.—As the result of a creditors bill filed today which Judge Pritchard issued an injunction claims involving several hundred dollars against the old State dispensary in South Carolina are involved, and a big legal fight will ensue in the Federal Court.

The injunction restrains the State board, which is charged with the duty of distributing the funds from the old dispensary, from paying out any money either to individuals or into the State Treasury until further orders.

The bill was filed on behalf of the Wilson Distilling Company, but is a general creditors bill.

TALKKED FOR THREE HOURS.

Lawyer in Caleb Powers Trial Makes Big Effort to Save Client.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 31.—In the Caleb Powers trial today Judge J. C. Sims, chief counsel for Powers, in an address lasting three hours, based his argument on the theory that Henry Youtsey was a political crank, imbued with the excitement of the time and that he fired the shot that killed William Goebel, that this was on Youtsey's own responsibility, and that no conspiracy had been shown by Powers or anyone else.

THE FLAG IN HISTORY

ORIGIN OF NATIONAL EMBLEMS OF THE OLD WORLD.

Joan of Arc and the White Banner of France—The Tricolor of Holland. St. Augustine, the Missionary, Introduced Flags Into England.

The first western sovereign to adopt a flag was Clovis, king of the Franks. After his conversion to Christianity in the fifth century he took the "chape de St. Martin" as his standard. This, according to some writers, was actually part of the cloak which the saintly bishop of Tours cut in two in order to share it with a beggar at Amiens. More credible authorities, however, assert that it was the blue flag of St. Martin's abbey.

After Clovis, the Merovingian kings seem to have returned to the ancient emblems. They were content to fight under eagles, flowers, crosses or the images of saints until the time of Charlemagne, who, if an old mosaic in the Church of St. John Lateran at Rome is to be believed, reintroduced the blue flag embellished with six red roses.

The color of the French flag was changed in 1124, when Louis the Fat carried the red oriflamb of St. Denis in his struggles against the German emperor Henry V. This continued to be the official French flag down to the battle of Agincourt in 1415. In the meantime the blue flag had again made its appearance, now decorated with the fleur-de-lis instead of the roses of Charlemagne. In this form it was carried at Acre and Crecy and Poitiers, until in the fifteenth century it became the banner of France.

The first white flag in French history was the banner of the Virgin Mary borne by Joan of Arc in her heroic campaigns for the defense of the dauphin. A pure white flag was occasionally used by Francis I. in his struggles against the Emperor Charles V., but it did not become the permanent royal banner until Henry IV., the first Bourbon, ascended the throne in 1589.

The tricolor of the French revolution was a compromise. The cockades of the revolutionists were composed of two colors, the red of the Paris commune and the blue of the ancient monarchy. In the troubled times just preceding the deposition and execution of Louis XVI., Lafayette, to signify the desire of the people for a reconciliation with their king, added the Bourbon white to the cockade. The tricolor as a national emblem was adopted by the convention in 1794.

Long before this, however, the tricolor had been the national flag of Holland. The Dutch were in fact the first to use it. When the United Provinces gained their independence from Spain in the sixteenth century, according to a favorite old story which cannot be authenticated, they invited Henry of Navarre to choose their colors, and he suggested orange, blue and white. Whether he selected this combination or not, such were the colors of Holland until some time in the seventeenth century, when the orange was replaced by red. When William of Orange became king of England in 1698 he crossed the channel under the red, white and blue.

The early inhabitants of England, like those of other countries, used emblematic devices of one kind or another, that of the Saxons being a white horse. The introduction of flags into England is ascribed to the missionary St. Augustine and his followers, who after the conversion of King Ethelbert, according to the Venerable Bede, entered Canterbury in procession, chanting and bearing small banners.

Since the fourteenth century the cross of St. George has been the emblem of the British nation. Before that time it was worn on the armor by the crusaders, among whom it came to be known as the "jack." During the bloody civil wars of the fifteenth century it was practically superseded by the roses, white and red, and in 1606 by proclamation of James I. it was finally replaced by a red flag with the jack in the upper inside corner. The red standard of Great Britain did not attain its present form, however, until after the union with Ireland in 1801. By parliamentary enactment in 1801 the present union jack was brought into being by the addition of the cross of St. Patrick.

Waving flags are said to have been first brought to Spain by the Saracens. The present Spanish colors, red and yellow, came from the old shields of Castile and Aragon.

The Austrian black and yellow were the colors of the Holy Roman Empire. They were adopted, so the story goes, by Frederick Barbarossa, whose fancy was captured at a ceremony in Mainz by the black and gold flooring of the hall.

The crescent was originally the special mark of Constantinople, where for centuries it was used as a Christian symbol. There it was that the Turks first found it when they captured the city in 1453. Even today it may be found side by side with the cross on the churches in Moscow and other Russian cities, where it is used to indicate the Byzantine origin of the Russian faith.—New York Tribune.

The Audience Worse Than the Orator

John Bright was once asked how it was that Pitt made one of his finest speeches after drinking two bottles of port. John Bright was, as usual, equal to the occasion. He pointed out that verbatim reporting was unknown in those days, and he suggested that the other members of the house, on whose opinion Pitt's reputation largely depended, had probably drunk three bottles.

We live by reposing trust in each other.—Pliny.

SELF RELIANCE.

The Lesson That Was Taught to Henry Ward Beecher.

Henry Ward Beecher used to tell this story of the way in which his teacher of mathematics taught him to depend upon himself:

"I was sent to the blackboard and went, uncertain, full of whimpering.

"'That lesson must be learned,' said my teacher in a very quiet tone, but with a terrible intensity. All explanations and excuses he trod underfoot with utter scornfulness. 'I want that problem. I don't want any reasons why you haven't it,' he would say.

"'I did study two hours.'

"'That's nothing to me. I want the lesson. You need not study it at all or you may study it ten hours, just to suit yourself. I want the lesson.'

"It was tough for a green boy, but it seasoned me. In less than a month I had the most intense sense of intellectual independence and courage to defend my recitations.

"One day his cold calm voice fell upon me in the midst of a demonstration, 'No!'

"I hesitated and then went back to the beginning, and on reaching the same point again 'No!' uttered in a tone of conviction, barred my progress.

"'The next!' And I sat down in red confusion.

"He, too, was stopped with 'No!' but went right on, finished, and as he sat down was rewarded with 'Very well!'

"'Why,' whimpered I, 'I recited it just as he did and you said 'No!'

"'Why didn't you say 'Yes' and stick to it? It is not enough to know your lesson—you must know that you know it. You have learned nothing till you are sure. If all the world says 'No!' your business is to say 'Yes' and prove it.'"

Riding Backward.

To be comfortable in summer, always ride with your back toward the engine. Your eyes miss all the smoke and cinders. Insist that the porter make your berth with your pillow toward the engine. This will drive your blood to your feet and keep them warm, winter and summer, and your head cool—which is one of the familiar rules of health, handed down from our forefathers. In case of accident you go in headforemost.—New York Press.

Her Method.

Uncle Bob—Yes, my wife allus b'lieved in tyin' a string to her finger to remember things. Uncle Bill—She has one on her finger most of the time, I notice. Uncle Bob—Yes, 'ceptin' when she has somethin' very pertikler to remember; then she leaves off the string, an' when it ain't there she remembers why.

A WOMAN TO BE PRETTY

Must Have Luxuriant and Glossy Hair, No Matter What Color.

The finest contour of a female face, the sweetest smile of a female mouth, loses something if the head is crowned with scant hair. Scant and falling hair, it is now known, is caused by a parasite that burrows into the scalp to the root of the hair, where it saps the vitality. The little white scales the germ throws up in burrowing are called dandruff. To cure dandruff permanently, then, and to stop falling hair, that germ must be killed. Newbro's Herpicide, an entirely new result of the chemical laboratory, destroys the dandruff germ, and, of course, stops the falling hair, and prevents baldness. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

Two sizes—50 cents and $1.00.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agt.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

STOLEN—Racycle bicycle. Can be identified by front wheel being smaller than rear wheel. Liberal reward. Phone 660. A. H. Yopp. ja 1 1w

LOST—On Princess street between Second and Seventh or on Seventh between Princess and Orange streets a gold shirt waist pin with name "Alma" engraved on same. Finder will please leave at Star Office. ja 1 3t.

ANY INTELLIGENT Person may earn good income writing and corresponding for newspapers during spare hours. Experience unnecessary. Address Press Correspondence Bureau, Bond Building, Washington, D. C. ja 1 3t 1 5 12.

$15.00 Will rent a nice house. W. M. Cumming, Real Estate. ja 1 4t

NEW SERIES B. & L. Stock now open. Mechanics Home Association. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. ja 1 4t

WANTED—Large quantities of sap pine and long-leaf heart pine crossties. Will give the highest cash prices for them delivered on wharf in Wilmington. Send in your ties and get your cash. The money panic doesn't affect us. The Windley Cross-tie Company, office 114 Princess street. Postoffice Box 695. de 27 6t*

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—I wish to notify my friends and the general public that I will engage in the Real Estate and Renting business on January 1st, 1908. My long experience in the business will insure good tenants and prompt rent returns. I solicit your patronage and assure you that all business entrusted to me shall have careful and prompt attention. W. L. Burkheimer, Office No. 214 Princess street. de 29 1w*

SAME NAME, Same location, Same business. Ice cream, fruits, candies, firework, oysters any style at Candycapps. A Mavronichols. de 25 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. se 22-tf

WANTED—Young man who has had some experience in feeding job presses. Good opportunity to learn the trade. Address "Press" care Star office. dec 20 tf

YOUR OPPORTUNITY—A long established wholesale grocery business with excellent reputation can be purchased on easy terms. The opportunity is exceptional. Address B, Postoffice Box 163, City. no 26-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE, corner of Front and Princess streets steam heat electric lights, hot and cold water. Regular transient and table board. Rates by the week A. M. Gilbert. nov 5 tf

THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

WANTED—For U. S. Army: able-bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

STOP! PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, Notary Public. Correspondence, depositions, specifications, commercial and general typewriting satisfactorily performed. Court cases and conventions reported. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess Street. Office phone 708; residence phone 546. de 13-tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 tf

DIVIDEND NOTICE

The directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a dividend of three per cent. payable on January 2nd, 1908, to stockholders of record on this date, Dec. 31, 1907.

M. S. WILLARD, Sec.

jan 1-1t

PARTITION, SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of sale made in a proceeding entitled A. J. Marshall vs. E. L. Sleeper, et al., the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover County, on January 31st 1908, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lands, situate in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, N. C., described as follows:

First Lot: Known as the old Thompkins place and being on the east side of Island Creek and west of Woney's Branch, Beginning at a stake in the back line of R. R. Sholar's corner, running thence North 44 East to Woney's Branch, thence down the branch to Island Creek, thence up the creek to the branch, thence with the branch to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less.

Second Lot: Beginning at the mouth of Cross Branch, thence with the various courses of said branch to a stake in a bottom, thence South 44 West 24 poles to a stake, thence North 60 West 140 poles to a water oak on the run of Island Creek, thence with the various courses of said creek to the beginning, containing 20 acres.

Dated and posted this December 31st 1907.

CHAS. C. LAUGHLIN,
ja 1 4w we Commissioner.

Hog Jowls and Peas, Nice, Turkeys, Dressed Chickens and Celery at the Palace Market

Phone 72

H. M. BREMER, Manager.

dec 31tf

SEABOARD

Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective January 5th, 1908 Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal Cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No. 44 at 12:35 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations.

No. 40 arrives 1:30 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

		No. 45	No. 39
Lv.	Wilm't'n..	4:50 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar	Lumb't'n..	7:26 A. M.	6:55 P. M.
Ar	Maxton....	8:18 A. M.	7:49 P. M.
Ar	Hamlet....	9:15 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv	Hamlet....	9:45 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar	Monroe....	11:40 A. M.	12:20 A. M.
Ar	Ch'lotte....	12:35 P. M.	12:35 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER,
Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent.
Raleigh, N. C.

ACADEMY

FOR NEW YEAR'S

Wednesday, January 1st.

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

"Along the Kennebec"

Matinee Prices—25 and 50 cents.
Night Prices to 75 cents. Seats on sale Tuesday morning.
de 29-3t.

OPPENHEIMER INSTITUTE
For the Treatment of Alcoholism.
W. N. HARRISS, Superintendent
de 19-1m

TO THE BEACH

Suburban Schedule

(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

LEAVE Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).

Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

LEAVE Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:15 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Carolina Place Schedule.
(Sundays)

Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:35 A. M. to 9:55 P. M.

Leave 17th and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:45 A. M. to 10:05 P. M.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 31.—W. W. Watkins, under indictment for attempting to blackmail Cicero Tise, a prominent citizen, was released from jail last night, his bail of $500 being given by the defendant's father. Watkins and his father left yesterday for Johnson iCty, Tenn.

—Morganton, Dec. 31.—While out hunting near town Mirk Lowder-milk, a boy about 16 years of age, was seriously shot in the arms, side and abdomen with a gun in the hands of Walter Yates, another one of the hunting party. The shooting was accidental, and the boy, while suffering intensely, will recover unless complications set in.

—Charlotte, Dec. 31.—Deputy Revenue Collector Albright, of this city, left last evening for Wadesboro to be present at the closing of the saloons and distilleries there tonight. As the official representative of the government he will take charge when the time allotted by law expires. It will be his duty to collect the keys and see that the law decreeing the town "dry" is observed.

—Thomasville, Dec. 31.—All of the factories in the town will resume work Monday, January 6th, and, notwithstanding the panic, it is expected that this year's business will be the best ever had. Several of the factories have already started up, and the outlook for business is good; orders are coming in and the prospects are that everything will be in a normal condition in a short time.

—Raleigh Evening Times: A report printed in the morning papers of Norfolk Saturday to the effect that the Norfolk and Southern Railway, now operating extensively through eastern North Carolina, between Norfolk Elizabeth City, Edenton, Newbern, Washington, and Raleigh, is to be sold either to the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern or any other railroad system is absolutely denied.

—Petersburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Edward W. Brown, aged 55 years, for many years employed in a clerical capacity in the freight department of the Atlantic Coast Line Company in this city, died yesterday afternoon after an illness of two months. He was twice married. His first wife was then Miss Alice Patterson, of Weldon, N. C., and his last wife, who survives him was Miss Pattie Tillery, also of Weldon. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister, the latter being Mrs. H. C. Lacey, of Raleigh, N. C.

—Charlotte Observer: As indicating that the Charlotte banks are in fine shape and that the public is regaining confidence in the stability of established institutions, it is of interest to note that within the past day or two the local banks have shipped to New York between $100,000 and $150,000 in currency. This demonstrates conclusively that conditions are fast becoming normal again and that the stringency in the money market is practically at an end.

—Charlotte Chronicle: The many friends of Mr. Walter R. Taliaferro, Jr., will learn with deepest sorrow that he is quite ill at his home in Dilworth, and it is feared that he has pneumonia. Mr. Taliaferro has had grip since Thursday and has been at his home. Saturday he was greatly improved and yesterday would have been out of the house had the day been prettier. He went to bed last night not feeling so well and awoke this morning with a raging fever and every symptom of pneumonia. He has a trained nurse with him and every attention is being shown him.

—Charlotte, Dec. 31.—Rev. Dr. Jas. Henley Thornwell died suddenly at his home in Fort Mill, S. C., at 4 o'clck yesterday morning, from an affection of the heart, from which he had been suffering for several weeks. He had shown some improvement in the few days, and had apparently recovered his normal health, when the fatal attack came on. Dr. Thornwell was 64 years old. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Florence Earl, of Greenville, S. C. His surviving children are Florence Thornwell, Earle Thornwell, Nannie Thornwell, James H. Thornwell, Mrs. R. C. McLees, Roberta Thornwell, Allison Thornwell, Francis Thornwell.

—Salisbury, Dec. 31.—It is rumored, and there are substantial foundations for the rumor, that the Southern Railway is endeavoring to acquire valuable property in the East Ward, adjoining the freight depot and the Y, in order to enlarge the Salisbury freight and passenger yards and to more conveniently lay the tracks connecting the Western North Carolina Railroad with the main line. It is known that the Southern some time ago was anxious to get hold of the property lying immediately north of the Y, between Lee street and its present tracks. It already owns a plot at this point. The property it wishes to acquire is now occupied by residences.

—Rutherfordton, Dec. 31.—Rutherfordton came near having another serious fire Monday night. At 11 o'clock fire was discovered in the rear end of Shehan's grocery store, a building adjoining the M. Levi Company's store. The fire started just under a window, and around a large oil tank. Miss Effice Toms, who lives with her mother some distance back of the Levi store, saw the fire and telephoned the central telephone office to give the alarm. Two young men who were in the central office at the time were the first on the scene, and in a few minutes men were coming from every part of town. The heroic efforts of a few men saved the town from one of the most destructive fires that the town has had. The doors were battered down and the fire extinguished before any serious damage was done. It is the opinion of all that the building was fired, as there had been no one in the store since Saturday night. The loss will not amount to over $100.

ODD NAMES OF MINES

Peculiar Titles Given to Some of the Black Hills Claims.

WHIMS OF PIONEER MINERS.

Many of the Early Prospectors Selected the Names of Wives or Sweethearts, Which Stand Now as Reminders of Romances of Bygone Days.

Behind the names of many of the mining claims and mines of every mining district in the west there lies a wealth of romance and history, both pathetic and ludicrous. The Black Hills furnish as many and as good examples of the peculiar circumstances under which many claims are named as any locality in the country.

One of the best known mines in the southern hills is the Holy Terror. Back in the early days this claim was located by an old miner who had worked some years without success. The claim was a hard one to work. When the man went home in the evening after locating his claim his wife asked him what he named it. He smiled and told her, "For you, my dear," and her further inquiry drew forth the fact that he had called it Holy Terror. Another man once named his claim Gentle Annie for his wife, while still a third perpetuated the memory of his wife, who was a noted clubwoman, by naming his claim Silent Julia.

The hills are dotted with the names of claims recalling romances of bygone days. Many a young, ambitious man came here when the mining boom of the eighties was at its height, lured with hope of a fortune, and all that remains to tell the tale is the name of Katie W. or Mabel E. or Lulu J. Many a sweetheart or wife in the faraway east was honored in the naming of a claim that its owner hoped would prove a bonanza. Some few made good. Witness the Annie Fraction and the Josie, both of which were named for the eastern wives of their owners. They are in the Bald mountain district and have produced thousands of dollars for the locators.

In the Galena district there is a small abandoned claim known as the Widow, with which there goes a story. Years ago a youth named Hanley appeared from somewhere with a few thousand and with zeal commenced to sink his money in a hole in the ground in the hope of a vast fortune. Back in the old home a little widow waited in vain for the golden wealth he said was sure to come and the wedding day that would celebrate it. It took but a short time for the youth's small savings to dwindle away with his inexperience, and, chagrined and disheartened, he put a bullet through his brain on the site of his blasted hopes.

One prospector who worked diligently on a claim which was staked by an outsider and had difficulty in even getting his living expenses secured his revenge by naming his claim Old Persimmon.

Men of patriotic turn of mind have chosen names of those famous in history, as Washington, Lincoln, etc. Each of the presidents has been remembered, famous generals, all of the states, seafaring heroes and heroes of the Philippines, as Dewey and Funston. Indian names by the score are found, as Hiawatha, Minnekahta and Nanoma. Those of sporting proclivities chose race horses, as Nancy Hanks, Salvator, Maud S., Red Wilkes, Joe Patchen. Favorite authors have been remembered, as Longfellow, Burns and Dickens. One student named his group Miltiades, Mark Anthony, Attila and Cleopatra.

One man of a pessimistic vein chose What's Left and Some Left. The average business man in naming claims will choose a simple name and use a series of numbers, as, for instance, Thomas No. 1, Thomas No. 2, etc. One man favored his wife by calling his claim Red Headed Woman. Two adjoining claims are known as On Time and Late.

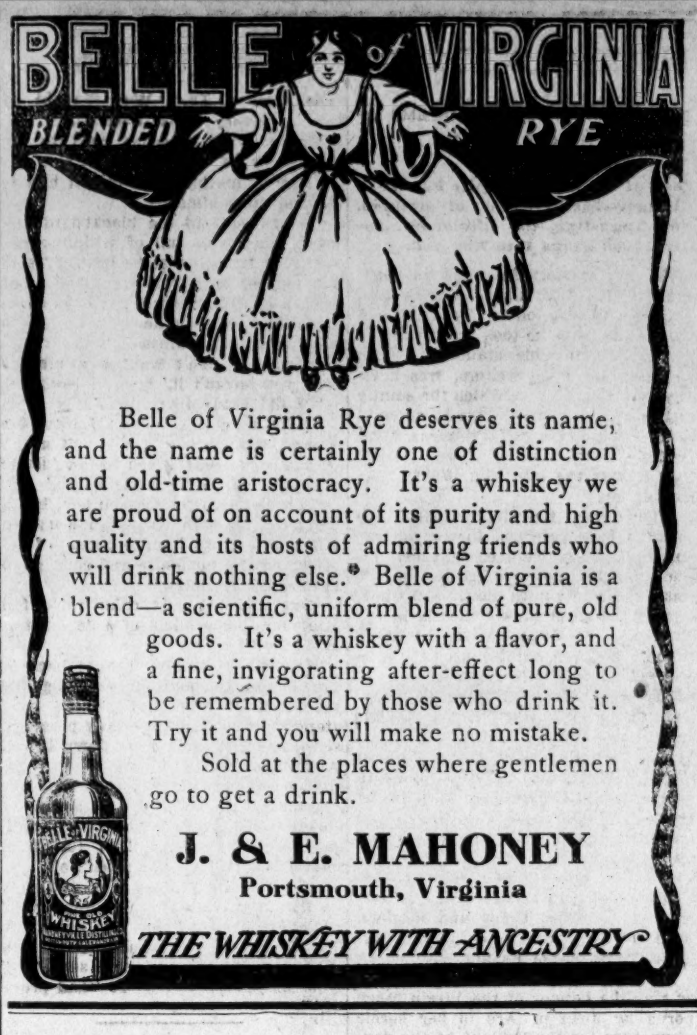
An odd case was known in the name of the Hoodlebug claim, which was located by a German and an Irishman and intended by the former to be called Heidelberg. When the Irishman reached town to record the location he had forgotten his partner's selection of a name and said it was something like Hoodlebug, which, for convenience, was the name recorded.

The Prodigal Son lived up to its name by bankrupting its locator, who returned to Iowa at the behest of the father who had put up the funds for the venture. Among the names that doubtless conceal stories never known are Old Whiskers, She Devil, Crack Brain and Crank.

Some of the gulches have names that refer to incidents. Two Bit was named because a placer miner declared his first panful would yield about two bits. Then there are Poor Man's Gulch, Sheeptail, Blacktail, Whitetail, Crooked Arm, Poverty and Prosperity.—Deadwood Cor St. Louis Republic.

A School Coinage.

It is not a generally known fact that the Bluecoat school (Christ's hospital) once possessed a coinage of its own. At that time the coin of the realm could not be used at the hospital. Before he could buy anything in the "tuck shop" a new boy had to get one of the beadles, who were the school money changers, to change his shillings and pence into "house money," as it was called. This was made of copper, the coins being octagonal in shape, with their value stamped on them. These curious coins are now very rare, and numismatists possessing any are fortunate.—London Captain.



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XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces low Xmas and New Year Holiday rates of one and one-third first class fares plus 25 cents based on rates effective prior to July 1st 1907. Tickets to be sold December 20th to 25th inclusive and December 30th, 31st and January 1st with final return limit January 6th.

For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the cause of Ralph M. Harrelson, Administrator of Joseph Todd, deceased, versus Helen M. Todd et al, the undersigned Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, on Saturday, January 25th, 1908, at twelve o'clock M., at the Court House door of said County, in the City of Wilmington, the following described lot of land in said City: Beginning in the Eastern line of Ninth street 154 feet South of the Southern line of Castle street; runs thence Southwardly along Ninth street 44 1-2 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Castle street 70 feet; thence Northwardly 44 1-2 feet; thence Westwardly 70 feet to the beginning, being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 81.

WM. M. BELLAMY,
dec 25 30d Commissioner.

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.
The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:35 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n'	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
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Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 39 1-2.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.60.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35; $4.50 and $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	16
Rosin	102
Tar	42
Crude Turpentine	6

Receipts—Same day last year 35 casks spirits turpentine; 452 barrels rosin; 158 barrels tar; 67 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 10 13-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady 9 3-4

Receipts—294 bales, same day last year 1,528 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 30c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; grown, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton market closed very steady at an advance of 13 to 17 points. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales.

The market opened steady at a decline of one point to an advance of 3 points which was just about in line with the showing of the English market where prices failed to respond to yesterday's local gains on near positions, but showed a full response on later positions. During the early session here there was a considerable demand from Wall street and New Orleans on which prices soon sold up to a net gain of 8 to 10 points, but during the middle of the day the market was at practically a standstill and there were slight recessions as a result of realizing. Toward the close the market was more active and reached the highest point of the day on covering by early sellers and moderate support from local bulls. The close was within a point of the top. There was little news from outside sources but some private wires were received claiming continued firmness in the interior and Southern spot markets as officially reported, were unchanged to 3-16 higher. The local market will be closed on Wednesday while Liverpool and New Orleans will remain closed on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Receipts at the ports today, 97,516 bales against 94,356 last week and 55,631 last year. For the week, 340,000 bales against 354,341 last week and 314,492 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 48,743 bales against 10,846 last year and at Houston, 17,972 bales, against 29,331 last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 11.80; middling gulf, 12.050; sales, 6,600 bales.

Futures steady.

December	11.50	
January	10.59	10.73
February		10.83
March	10.77	10.94
April		10.97
May	10.86	10.98
June		10.97
July	10.83	10.95
August	10.70	10.80
October	10.05	

PORT MOVEMENT

Galveston—Steady, 10 13-16; Net receipts 30,823.

New Orleans—Quiet, 11 3-8; Net receipts 48,742.

Mobile—Firm, 11; Net receipts 1,503.

Savannah—Firm, 10 11-16; Net receipts 5,012.

Charleston—Firm, 10 13-16; Net receipts 173.

Wilmington—Steady, 10 13-16; Net receipts 294.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 427.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-4; Net receipts 525.

New York—Quiet, 11.80.

Boston—Quiet, 11.80; Net receipts 95.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.05; Net receipts 100.

Total today, at all ports, Stock 1,062,046.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 232,168; Great Britain 52,376; France 4,133; Continent 94,946; Japan 12,045; Mexico 4.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 5,035,228; Great Britain 1,577,587; France 468,370; Continent 1,634,840; Japan 73,289; Mexico 1,024.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 11 1-2; Net receipts 17,972.

Augusta—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 699.

Memphis—Steady, 11 1-2; Net receipts 4,187.

St. Louis—Firm, 11 1-2; Net receipts 1,249.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 651.

Louisville—Firm, 11 3-8.

Little Rock—Firm, 10 3-4; Net receipts 1,347.

Total today—Net receipts 26,105; Gross receipts 29,076; Shipments 28,235; Sales 5,923; Stock 309,066.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Cotton: spot quiet, prices 5 points higher; American middling fair 6.80; good middling 6.44; middling 6.18; low middling 5. 84; good ordinary 5.42; ordinary 4.92.

The sales for the day were 6.000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 500 American. Receipts 30,000 bales, which included 22,100 American.

Futures opened and closed steady. American middling G. O. C.: January 5.76; January and February 5.78; February and March 5.79 1-2; March and April 5.81; April and May 5.82; May and June 5.82 1-2; June and July 5.82; July and August 5.80; August and September 5.71 1-2; September and October 5.61; October and November 5.50.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The dry goods market for the day showed a slight improvement in demand. Prices on cotton goods are being revised by jobbers. Linings are quiet and exports are dull. Yarns are steady, while woolens are being made ready for a fuller opening. Hosiery lines will be opened Thursday.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The stock exchange community saw the expiration of the year 1907, without regret, but with some attempt at cheerful expectation for the forthcoming year.

The cheerful sentiment showed signs of being forced to a degree and was not maintained throughout the session. The principal incentive to the early advance in the market came from abroad and there was a widespread feeling of encouragement over the prospect for quick improvement in the banking situation, after the turn of the year. There was a pronounced recession in the private discount rate in London and confident assumptions that the Bank of England official rate would come down on Thursday.

The call money market was affected by the operations incident to the last day of the year, but not to anything like the extent that had been dreaded. Some of the selling late in the day was professional profit-taking based on the rise for several days past. There is less apprehension of commercial embarrassments, as a prompt relaxation is now looked for which will add facilities for carrying the mercantile credits. A process of liquidation in general business is regarded as essential, following the violent upheavel in the banking world. Last prices were about the lowest. Bonds were strong. Total sales, par value $2,830,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today, 417,400 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Money on call firm 8 to 18 per cent.; ruling rate 15; closing bid 12, offered at 15; Time loans easier and more active, sixty and ninety days, 8 per cent.; six months, 7; prime mercantile paper 8 to 10 per cent. Sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8415 to 4.8420 for demand and at 4.79 to 4.7925 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.77 to 4.7725. Bar silver 53 1-2; Mexican dollars 43.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	61
American Tobacco Co. 6s	96 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	87 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	92
L. & N. Unified 4s	96 1-8
Seaboard Air Line	67
Southern Railway 5s	99
U. S. Steel 5s	85 7-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	46 7-8
American Car Foundry	30 5-8
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	86@95
American Cotton Oil Co.	28 3-4
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70@85
American Locomotive	34 1-2
American Smelting & Ref	70 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	92
American Sugar Refining	100
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	72 1-2
Atchison	69 5-8
Atchison pfd	86 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	68 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio	81 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	78
Chesapeake & Ohio	30
Kansas City Southern	23
Kansas City Southern pfd	51 1-2
L. & N.	92 1-2
New York Central	90 1-2
Norfolk & Western	64
Norfolk & Western pfd	75@84
Pennsylvania	109 5-8
People's Gas	79 1-2
Reading	95
Reading 2nd pfd	74
Rock Island Co.	15
Rock Island Co. pfd	28
Southern Pacific	73 3-4
Southern Pacific pfd	106 3-8
Southern Railway	13 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	35 1-2
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	26 3-8
U. S. Steel pfd	87 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical	17 1-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	87
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	446
Western Union	57

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Flour barely steady.

Buckwheat flour, corn meal and rye—Quiet.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.06 1-8 elevator. Options 1 1-8c higher. December 1.07; May 1.12 1-2; July 1.05 7-8.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 76 elevator. Options 1 3-8c net higher. December 76; May 68 3-4.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54.

Lard—Barely steady.

Pork, tallow and petroleum—Steady, unchanged.

Rice and molasses—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio, No. 7, 6 1-16; Santos No. 4(8c. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova 9 1-2 to 13 1-2. Futures net unchanged to 5 points lower.

Freights and Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes—Easy, unchanged.

Cabbages—Dull, unchanged.

Cotton seed oil was steady with a moderate trade. Prime crude 29 asked; prime summer yellow 36 1-2; off summer yellow 36 to 36 1-4; goodoff summer yellow 35 3-4 to 36 1-4; prime white 37 to 38 1-2; prime winter yellow 43 1-2 to 35.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese and eggs—Unchanged.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat prices on the local exchange advanced about two cents from the low point today because of a brisk demand from shorts. At the close the May delivery showed a net gain of one cent. Corn was up 1 1-8c. Oats were 1-2 higher. Privisions were unchanged to 5c lower.

Leading features closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 99 3-4; May 1.05 7-8 to 1.06; July 98 3-4.

Corn—Dec. 56 1-8; May 60 3-8 to 60 1-2; July 59 3-8.

Oats—May, old 53 5-8; May, new 52; July, old 47 5-8; July, new 46.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—Jan. 12.42 1-2; May 13.10.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 7.65; May 7.85.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 6.65; May 7.07 1-2.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, easy; No. 2 corn, 59 to 59 1-2; No. 2 yellow, 62 1-2 to 63 1-2; No. 2 oats, 49 5-8; No. 3 white 48 to 51; No. 2 rye, 77; good feeding barley, 88 to 96; No. 1 northwestern, 1.18; clover, contract grades, 16.75; short ribs, sides (loose), 6.50 to 7.25; mess pork, per barrel, 11.87 1-2 to 12.00; lard, per 100 pounds, 7.65 to 7.67 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), 6.87 1-2 to 7.12 1-2; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.31.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Rosin, dull; turpentine easy at 431-2.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—Turpentine firm, 40 to 40 1-4; sales, 3.12; receipts, 1,104; shipments, 330.

Rosin, firm; sales, 3,101; receipts 3,435; shipments, 2,195; stocks, 117,003. Quote: A. B. C., 2.70 to 2.75; D, 2.75; E, 2.75 to 2.80; G, 2.80 to 2.85; H, 2.80 to 2.90; I, 3.50; K, 4.50; M, 5.25; N, 5.65; WG, 5.75; WW, 5.75

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—98 bales cotton; 4 barrels rosin; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—29 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—135 bales cotton.

A. & Y. Railroad—29 bales cotton; 11 casks spirits turpentine; 79 barrels rosin; 8 barrels tar.

Str. City of Fayetteville—3 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 19 barrels rosin; 34 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—294 bales cotton; 16 casks spirits turpentine; 102 barrels rosin; 42 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

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Hermine Hessenmueller, (Ger.) 1,923 tons, Brudigan, Heide & Co.

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Silver Wings (Br.) 1,826 tons, Morgan, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Arroyo (Br.), 2,307 tons, Plough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Byglands, (Nor.) 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

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HONESTY AS A POLICY.

Reflections of a Jailer Whose Wife Took a Prisoner's Cake.

Rather an original story comes from the criminal prison at Warsaw. A bookkeeper named Schneider was awaiting his trial, being charged with fraud. As his health was bad, his family sent him many little delicacies unknown in the prison fare, delicacies which, no doubt, the head warder shared with him.

One day, among other things, a huge iced cake appeared. The warder's children were fond of cake, and so was his wife. They therefore determined to keep half of it for themselves. Their surprise was great when upon applying a knife to the dainty it stuck just below the icing and refused to go any farther.

"It must be baked to a cinder," said Mrs. Warder. But her good man, suspecting that something worse than careless baking was responsible for the cake's hardness, cut round the sides and was rewarded by finding a revolver and seven cartridges buried in the paste.

When brought up before the authorities Schneider confessed that he had intended to shoot his guardians and escape from prison before his trial. "After all," said the warder pensively when he told his story, "honesty is not always the best policy. If my wife had not cut into that cake I should have been a dead man by now, for I sleep hard."—Pall Mall Gazette.

CRUELTY IN PERSIA.

Queer Things About the People of That Queer Country.

According to the authors of "Queer Things About Persia," cruelty is common there. The executioner cuts throats in a public square, and the spectacle excites little interest. Criminals are sometimes crucified and sometimes walled up alive. Women for certain offenses are cast headlong from a tower. The Persian is a gentleman of surpassing courtesy and politeness, but say these writers: "The same man who drops rose petals under your feet in order to make them avoid the hardness of the road will not hesitate to make you suffer the most cruel tortures. He delights in the murmur of the rivulet in the moonshine, but the sound of blood flowing from an open wound has also for him its fascination. The singing of the nightingale fills him with rapture in the night, but he quivers with pleasure at the cry of pain from a victim." Also they affirm that lying is an institution and no one condemns it. "The Persian does not consider a lie a sin. He thinks that we have a bad opinion of lying because we do not know how to lie, and if he shows an unbounded confidence in everything the Europeans say it is chiefly because he thinks we are totally devoid of the gift."

Sustaining His Reputation.

A story is told of the Prince de Conti, whose reputation for cruelty stood high. He was going to mass with some ladies when his bailiff asked for instructions concerning a poacher who had just been caught on the grounds.

"Give him 100 stripes and imprison him in a dungeon for two years," was the answer.

One lady, horror stricken, went to the bailiff afterward, but he only laughed in her face.

"The prince only said that to keep up his reputation. His royal highness came to me directly after mass and begged me to see that the poor wretch was only sent away from the neighborhood for two months and that his family was well looked after during his absence."

A Problem In Life.

They had met in the subway and in the interval of passing a few stations had fallen to talking of a lovely woman friend who had died.

"How did she die? Do you know?" he asked.

"She nursed a little niece through an infectious disease, then took it herself and died of it," said she.

"A strange Providence!" he mused sadly. "She, lovely, gracious, charming, everything to live for and a blessing to her friends, to die in order that a child might live. A strange and unaccountable Providence!"—New York Press.

Good and Osgood.

The subject of ancestors is often an interesting topic of conversation. A lady extremely proud of her mother's family created a sensation and made her listeners wonder a little when she remarked: "My father filled many responsible positions. We all have the greatest respect for him. My father was a good man, but"—and a certain stiffening of the shoulders and an added expression of firmness in the good lady's face added importance to her conclusion—"my mother was an Osgood!"

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MRS. HULL'S YARN A PRETTY FAKE

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MRS. YOUNG ALIVE AND WELL

When Confronted With Statement the Strange Woman Promptly Makes Another Identification and is Sent Out of State.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Newark, N. J., Dec. 31.—The identity of the woman whose dead body was found in Harrison, N. J., last Thursday, remains a mystery. The story told by Mrs. Hattie Hull to the effect that the dead woman was her friend, Mrs. Agnes Young, was exploded today when Mrs. Young was found alive and well in New York City. She is employed as an accountant in a real estate office in New York, and declared emphatically that she had not been in New Jersey on Christmas day and that she did not know anyone named Charles Meyers, for whom the police were searching as a result of Mrs. Hull's statements.

Mrs. Young obtained the first knowledge of the fact that her name had been connected with the murder mystery from this morning's newspapers while on her way to the office where she is employed. She expressed indignation that her name had been drawn into the affair by Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Hull told the police that she parted from Mrs. Young on Christmas day and that Mrs. Young was about to start for Harrison in company with Meyers. Mrs. Young declared today that while she knew Mrs. Hull, she had not seen her for two years.

"I am at a loss to understand," she said, "why my name has in any way been connected with the murder mystery. I know Mrs. Hull, but she must be demented to tell such a story about me to the police. I have never been in Harrison in my life, so I certainly could not have been where the tragedy occurred. Mrs. Hull's statement that I accompanied her and a man named Charles Meyers to Jersey City is absolutely false. I do not even know Charles Meyers."

After consultation with her employer, Mrs. Young gave out the following signed statement:

"I was assistant accountant at the Hotel Ansonia, and I knew Mrs. Hull and befriended her, but have not seen her for the last two years. Any other statements concerning me are absolutely false.

(Signed) "AGNES YOUNG."

A police magistrate, who has charge of the case urged Mrs. Young by telephone to come to Harrison and confront Mrs. Hull and see whether she could identify the body of the murdered woman, but Mrs. Young declared that she did not want to be involved in the case further.

Mrs. Hull was again questioned before she was informed that Mrs. Young was alive and she repeated her assertion that the body was that of Mrs. Young.

When Mrs. Hull was told that Mrs. Young had been found alive she declared that the murdered woman was her own half-sister, Minnie Jeanette Gaston, daughter of R. B. Gaston, of Sevierville, Tenn. She said that Miss Gaston was formerly a member of the chorus of the "Texas Steer Company" and had been living lately at 1492 Amsterdam avenue, New York City. Mrs. Hull declared that Charles Meyers brought her sister to New York from the South, and that she accompanied the latter to a meeting with Meyers on Christmas day, when Miss Gaston was to go to Harrison with Meyers. Mrs. Hull said she identified the body as that of Mrs. Young in order to avoid involving Miss Gaston's name in a scandal. She asked that the body be sent to Mr. Gaston at Savierville, Tenn.

The magistrate lectured Mrs. Hull for her deception and ordered a detective to escort her out of New Jersey.

YELLOW NEGROES WORST.

Former United States Senator Discusses the Race Question.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—Thomas M. Norwood, former Congressman and ex-United States Senator from Georgia, delivered a remarkable address upon the race question today, the occasion being his retirement from the bench of the city court, a place he had occupied for twelve years.

The Judge said that after investigation and long contact with the negro as a defendant in his court, he had reached the conclusion that the blacks are incapable of receiving and using more than the rudiments of an education, The negro, as a slave, was cared for by the white man, he said, but the present generation is retrograding to the status of the savage, and is ruled by force. This is shown by the constant disregard of laws, repeated resistance of arrest and shooting down of white men who attempt to control them.

The mulatto is the curse of both the white and negro race in the South said Judge Norwood. They stir the others to deeds of violence and create discord. Illicit miscegenation, he held, should be repressed by the most vigorous laws. It should be made a capital offense, the guilty man hanged and the woman sent to the penitentiary for life.

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R. G. DUNS ANNUAL REVIEW

Farmers Had Fair Crops and Prices Averaged Good—Cotton Crop Was Only Ten Per Cent. Below the Average.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The withdrawal of $125,000,000 from a few large trust companies, precipitating a season of hoarding and sending currency to a premium, at a time when it was most needed, throughout the country, is credited in R. G. Dun and Company's Annual Review of Trade, to be published tomorrow, with having been one of the great factors in turning the year 1907 from its promise of new records in prosperity to a closing period of financial disturbance, that caused many plans for future extensions of business to be either abandoned or postponed.

The restoration of normal conditions the reivew declares, depends upon easier money and a revival of confidence, both of which seem nearer today than at any time since October, when the stringency began. While failures were frequent during the last quarter of the year, the review points out that if the comparison is carried back to previous periods of distress, there is much cause for congratulation in the insolvency returns. The Review says in part:

"Although in many cases the size of crops in 1907 fell below some preceding years, high prices made the return to the farmer much larger than ever before. To some extent short crops in other countries accounted for the high prices, notably in the case of wheat, for which foreigners were willing to pay more than a dollar per bushel during the closing months.

"Adding the value of cotton, meats, dairy products, poultry, eggs and all other items raised by the agriculturist, the year's total attains the phenomenal value of $7,400,000,000.

"Cotton has ruled at a high position throughout the year, while the latest statistics of the crop indicate a yield of 12,000,000 bales, or 10 per cent. less than the high record established in the previous year. The old crop year ended on August 31 with the largest total ever harvested and with exports exceeding all other years, except 1907, as to quantity, while the high average export price of 10.7-cts. per pound this year, raised the total value $70,000,000 above the previous high water mark established two years earlier, when the average price was about two cents per pound lower.

"Conflicting influences united to produce a year in the dry goods market which has been without precedent for the volume of business done, but which has also been honey-combed with disappointments that reduce the average of what might otherwise be regarded as a most successful twelve months.

"Although hides broke to lower figures than had been reached before in about a decade, leather kept fairly steady throughout most of the year. The comparative steadiness of leather values has been due almost entirely to the curtailment of production.

"The year has been characterized as a period of retrenchment in the shoe trade and prices have undergone a readjustment from the top rates that prevailed late in 1906.

"Changes in the iron and steel industry during 1907 were more striking than elsewhere, particularly in respect to the volume of production. During the early part of the year there was a general increase in output, the weekly active capacity of blast furnaces constantly establishing new records until the high point was reached on July 1, with a total of 528,170 tons of pig iron per week. From this point a moderate decrease occurred until toward the end of the year it was estimated that not more than about 33 per cent. of the entire iron and steel capacity was in operation.

"As to prices, moderate reductions occurred during the closing months but no general change was made in list prices of standard shapes of steel."

HAD A HOT OLD TIME

New Yorkers Ushered in the New Year at a Tremendous Expense.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—With hearts as light as the confetti that swirled, blizzard-like about the Broadway railroad route, New Yorkers tore the last leaf from the calendar of 1907 tonight and set their faces toward the new year.

Of all the boisterous New Year's eves there never was one more noise and hilarious. Early today the word was sent out from Police Commissioner Bingham's office "Let the crowds have a good time. Suppress rowdyism, but allow them to make a noise."

It had been promised that tonight's demonstration would be the noisest ever, and the whole thing came off as advertised. Early in the evening the fun began, ear-drum splitting horns, cow-bells and every other din producing device that the cult of hucksters has discovered, sounding in horrible dissonance and increasing in volume until the midnight climax when shrieking whistles, pealing bells and shouts from a million throats marked the passing of the old and the advent of the new.

Tonight's celebration cost New Yorkers about three quarters of a million dollars.

It was expected that upon the President's return from Pine Knot, Va., and certainly following the first Cabinet meeting thereafter, some announcement would be made as to the successor to Admiral Brownson, as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. It was said today, however, that the matter had not been decided at the Cabinet session and that possibly a choice might not be made before Thursday.

A Happy New Year. Platt & Haar.**

PROHIBITION IS USHERED IN

But an Attempt Is Already Started to Test The Constitutionality of Georgia's Law.

WANT MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Atlanta Was Quiet Last Night—Rents in Alabama Are Going Down and Whiskey Sold at Less Than Half Price.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—A bill was filed in the United States circuit court tonight asking that the Georgia Prohibition law be declared unconstitutional. Judge Newman has taken the matter under consideration and will render a decision probably tomorrow.

The lawyers handling the case decided not to ask for a temporary injunction, consequently Georgia went dry tonight at 10 o'clock, without interference from the courts.

The action was brought in behalf of the Christian Moerline Brewing Company of Cincinnati and the Chattanooga Brewing Company of Chattanooga, Tenn. The defendants are the Sheriff and other State officers, charged with the enforcement of the law.

Judge Newman tonight indicated that he would render a decision some time tomorrow, but this decision will not have the effect of opening the saloons in Georgia. It is understood that the Judge will either grant an order to set down for an early hearing of the constitutional question involved, or that he may let the case go into the regular course of court schedule. It is claimed that it is mandatory upon the Legislature to levy taxes for the support of the schools, and that these taxes should come from the sale of liquor. Numerous authorities are cited in support of this contention. The attorneys contend that the constitution, so far as it relates to the school question is mandatory.

One paragraph in the brief says: "Ever since the first constitution in 1777 Georgia has always taxed liquor property and has always regulated the liquor traffic. A total reversal of this policy is not to be presumed, especially not when in its organic law it specifically ordains a liquor tax."

The brief concludes with the claim that it is not within the power of the General Assembly to enact such a Prohibitory law.

John C. Hart, States Attorney General, in an interview with the Associated Press tonight said he believed the law was constitutional.

Atlnta was quiet tonight. There were only a few minor disturbances.

The last day of the year and the last day of the liquor traffic in the State of Georgia found conditions practically normal in the city with no reports of excess from outside points. At 10 o'clock tonight every saloon in the city closed its doors permanently, or until the Prohibition act is repealed or declared unconstitutional.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—At midnight the existence of saloons in Birmingham and Jefferson county, the largest county in the State, terminated. It is estimated that more than 250 establishments are affected.

At many places today brandies and champagnes were selling at half price and even cheaper. Many vans of liquors have been delivered to private residences and stocks on hand with the dealers are small. The large number of the best saloon locations in the heart of the city have been rented, but many places which have brought from $100 to $125 a month, will not bring half that amount.

Tonight was the time set for Prohibition to go into effect in the counties of Alabama, in which local option elections have been held during the year. Crenshaw county was added to the Prohibition ranks today, making fifty counties of the State which closed doors of the saloons permanently tonight. This leaves seventeen counties in the State from which liquor can be sold for another year.

GOVERNMENT REPORT

Shows a Decrease in Receipts and Increase in Expenditures.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 31.—The forthcoming report of the Government receipts and expenditures for the month ending today, will show a decrease in the receipts as compared with December last year of $8,529,152, and an increase in expenditures of $9,381,414 making the national loss $17,910,566, the largest decrease in the receipts is from customs, where the loss is $6,895,959.

Internal revenue shows a decrease of $2,768,645 and miscellaneous receipts an increase of $1,135,452. The expenditures show an increase in civil and miscellaneous of $3,500,000; in war an increase of $1,5000,000; in navy an increase of nearly $4,000,000; for pensions an increase of $2,400,000; for public works an increase of from $4,843,711 to $8,899,000.

John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, President of the United Mine Workers of America is at Excelsior Springs, Mo., to enjoy a rest which will extend over a period of about three weeks. Mr. Mitchell has gained strength since his recent recurrence of illness.

—Postoffices were first established in 1464, but it is only within recent years they have been used as political machines.—Richmond Journal.

A Happy New Year. Platt & Haar.**

ANOTHER MINE HORROR

Thirty Miners are Entombed and Nine Bodies Have Been Recovered.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Santa Fe., N. M., Dec. 31.—An explosion of fire damp this afternoon entombed thirty miners in the Bernel coal mine at Carthage, Socorro county, owned by the Carthage Fuel Company.

It is supposed all are dead. Nine bodies have been taken out already. Forty men employed in the mine had not returned from dinner when the explosion occurred.

Carthage is on a branch line of the Santa Fe line from Albuque railroad and is one of the oldest mining camps in the eterritory.

It is believed that the mines are on fire, as a result of the explosion. The miners are mostly Americans and Mexicans but there are a few Greeks and Italians.

STOCK EXCHANGE DYNAMITED.

Eighteen People Were Wounded and Some Are Buried.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Dec. 31.—A dynamite bomb exploded in the stock exchange of this city shortly after 4 o'clock today. Up to the present time it has been ascertained that 18 persons were wounded. Some of the injured are buried under portions of the building which has collapsed. Firemen, policemen and troops hurried to the scene to calm the excitement and to conduct the work of rescue.

It is supposed that the bomb was thrown with the intention of preventing the customary end-of-the-month liquidation. The plan was to destroy millions in securities but the explosion occurred too late. The roof of the exchange collapsed.

How is Your Digestion.

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alternative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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